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GENERAL FUND BALANCE IS DOWN

School System To Maintain Staffing; Cut Days To 185

By
Carolyn Walker

"We're still doing OK," Superintendent Alexis told the Dawson Springs Board of Education after presenting the treasurer's report at Monday's meeting.

The General Fund balance at the end of January was $1,555,143.06, which Seymore said is $129,000 behind the same time last year. However, bills that the district will not have again were paid during the month.

"I don't want you to think every month is going to be like this," she said.

Action taken by the board included the election of officers for 2012-2013. Chris Smiley was re-elected chairman and Vicki Allen, vice chairwoman. Jenny Bruce, longtime board secretary will continue in that position.

The board approved continuing its contract with the Bowling Green law firm of English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley. Seymore said the firm is one of only three or four in Kentucky whose expertise is in school law.

The payment of bills and salaries was also approved, and the date and time of board meetings will remain the same — 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

The SBDM staffing policy for 2012-2013 was approved, maintaining the same number of positions as this school year. Seymore said this is based on maximum class sizes, and the positions are for 185 days rather than 187. The salary schedule will be adjusted to reflect that number. Seymore notified district employees of the 185-day calendar by letter, and the response was that they would rather lose the days than lose staff members. Seymore said while the budget can be trimmed in a few ways, the school system needs all the personnel it has.

"We don't have any fat to cut out of the budget," she said.

Assistant Superintendent Charles Proffitt presented the school and district report cards which are sent home to parents with the student report cards. The information included in the reports lags one year behind and includes a variety of data for the schools and district.

Approval of the elementary and high school improvement plans was tabled until the March meeting. The plans will be presented in conjunction with the program reviews, a part of the new state assessment system.

The board voted to surplus technology equipment such as laptops, laser printers, monitors and CPUs. Seymore said this equipment is broken or is so obsolete that parts are no longer available.

The personnel report included the hiring of Melissa Huddleston as a substitute food services worker, Christy Huddleston as a substitute food services worker and substitute aide and Gwen Davenport as a substitute teacher. Randall Campbell, head soccer coach, and Janice Moore, assistant athletic director, have resigned.

ANDREW MOORE claps for the Panther girls including (from left) Shelby Loney and Amber Genseal following their 63-48 opening round loss to Caldwell County in the 7th District Basketball Tournament played Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Princeton.

photo by Mike Howton

New Labels On Recycling Trailers

New labels have been applied to the recycling collection trailers. There are now four compartments for plastic collection and three for paper. All paper can be put in the bins together, including magazines, newsprint and office paper.

Aluminum and tin cans are collected in the same compartment.

A large trash can is located near the trailers for clean plastic bags. These will be taken to another collection location for recycling or used by the Muhlenberg Opportunity Center.

Anyone who has other recyclable items such as books, electronics, etc. may contact the city office or Rhonda Mills to set up a time to drop these off.

Elementary SBDM Council Accepts Several New Policies

By
Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Elementary SBDM Council met on Feb. 23. The meeting was postponed from its regular date of Feb. 16 because principal and chairwoman Jennifer Ward was attending an out-of-town meeting on that date.

The available budget for 2011-2012 totaled $7,769.94, according to Ward's budget report. To date, 74.4 percent of the SBDM allocation has been used.

Ward announced that Paw Mart, the school supplies store, will be moved to the elementary building in 2012-2013. It will return to its former location on

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CITY WILL DEMOLISH OLD BAYSE GROCERY BUILDING

Council Will Use $5,000 Grant To Implement Strategic Planning

By
Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs City Council approved the use of a $5,000 grant for strategic planning at its Feb. 21 meeting.

Bobbie Bryant with the Kentucky League of Cities spoke to the council about the importance of planning now to be prepared when the economy turns.

The strategic planning will build on work already done by the city. Bryant said KLC will provide support during the six- month process.

"The more you do for yourself, the more you will attract additional funding," she said.

Jenny Sewell, interim mayor, agreed that in applying for additional funds for a project, it is important that those ideas are already included in a strategic plan.

Work will begin later this month with a meeting of city officials, department heads and other stakeholders and continue later with a public meeting and kickoff event to engage local residents in the process. The plan is expected to be completed in August.

A motion to use the grant funds for planning passed 5–0. Councilman Kenny Mitchell was not present at the meeting.

Sewell discussed with the council an inspection report from engineer Frank Williams for a building at 301 S. Main St. The property many residents remember as Bayse's Grocery was donated to the city of Dawson Springs by Douglas and Juanita Keen in 2010.

On Jan. 30, Williams inspected the building to determine its structural integrity and recommended it be demolished by a contractor rather than city employees for safety and liability reasons. The structure, which is on a corner lot near other buildings, now consists of walls and roof only. The mortar has deteriorated, causing bricks to fall out of the walls. Sewell said she will notify the Dawson Springs Historic Commission of the city's intentions to raze the building since it is located in the historic district.

The council voted to remove three pieces of playground equipment at the municipal park. On the recommendation of the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services, two merry-go-rounds and a metal slide will be removed. Broken swing seats will also be removed until they can be replaced.

Rick Hendrickson was appointed to review issues at the park and will make an assessment of what needs to be done to bring the playground and tennis courts up to code.

City Attorney Ben Leonard held a first reading of an amended golf cart ordinance. The revised document puts state law in the local ordinance. A second reading and vote will take place at a future meeting.

Bill Lanham, representing the Rosedale Cemetery Board, presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2011. Lanham said expenses for 2010-2011 exceeded revenues by $8,329. Maintenance costs increased considerably because of the price of gasoline and oil. Rosedale Cemetery

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PANTHER cheerleaders (from left) India Robinson, Cameron Riley, Everli Mitchell, Marisa Trover, Danielle Thomas, Lauren Dowd, Kaitlyn Menser and Kendel Mitchell cheer for the boys during the 7th District Basketball Tournament in Princeton Tuesday, Feb. 21. The cheerleaders competed Saturday, Feb. 18, in the state cheerleading competition at Bowling Green where they finished ninth out of 16 squads. Meme Young is the little cheerleader helping the squad.

photo by Mike Howton

Bridge Destruction Declared Regional State Of Emergency

Gov. Steve Beshear has signed an executive order formally declaring a regional state of emergency in the destruction of a span of the Eggners Ferry Bridge over Kentucky Lake.

The order is a formal step to enable the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to seek emergency funds from the Federal Highway Administration in the cabinet's ongoing work to restore traffic across Kentucky Lake.

"We continue to explore every possible avenue in our efforts to restore traffic to this vital highway in Western Kentucky," said Beshear. "My executive order is one more step toward that objective. By working with our partners at FHWA, we hope to speed the process as much as possible."

The two-lane Eggners Ferry Bridge carries U.S. 68/Ky. 80 across the lake between Marshall and Trigg counties. The route was severed when a cargo vessel owned by Foss Maritime struck and ripped away a 322-foot span of the bridge on the night of Jan. 26. The following day, KYTC notified FHWA of Kentucky's intent to request emergency funding to help offset costs of repairs, transportation alternatives and debris removal.

Beshear previously announced that engineers who conducted an underwater inspection reported "no significant damage" to the bridge's piers. That was a positive development in KYTC's ongoing assessment of options for interim and permanent solutions.

The 80-year-old Eggners Ferry Bridge provides the western entrance to Land Between the Lakes National

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Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Vivian Y. Burnett, 50, 105 Hall St., was arrested Feb. 21 on Frederick Road. She was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana. Mike Opalek was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Bobby C. Forsythe Jr., 27, 775 Olive Branch Church Road, Hanson, was arrested Feb. 22 on East Arcadia Avenue. He was charged with operating on a suspended operator's license and failure to surrender a revoked operator's license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Tracy A. Trover, 34, Hunter Street, was served a criminal summons Feb. 23 at her residence. She was charged with two counts of theft by deception under $500 (cold checks). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Edward F. Bennett, 43, 103 1/2 Sycamore St., was served a criminal summons Feb. 23 at his residence. He was charged with theft by deception under $500 (Hopkins District Court summons). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

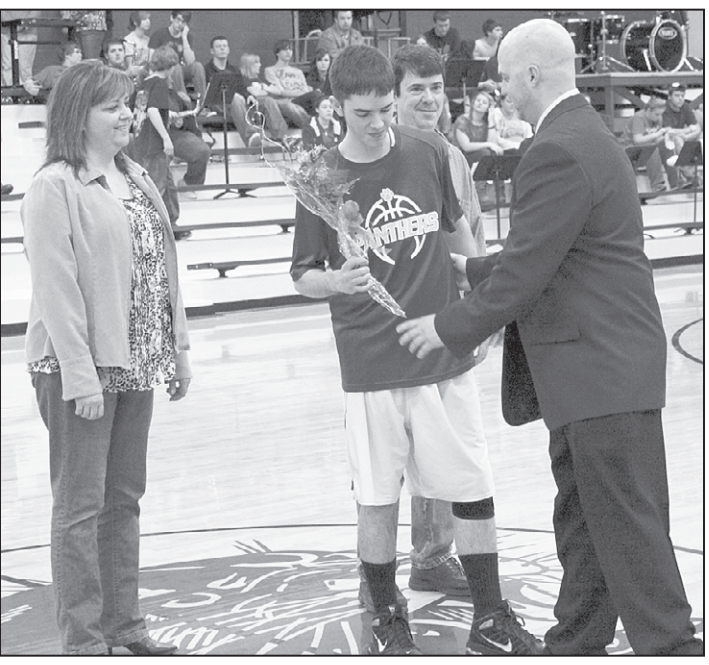
—Doyle D. Nelson, 18, 504 W. Arcadia Ave., was served a criminal summons Feb. 24 at the Dawson Springs Police Department. He was charged with truancy by a student 18 but not yet 21. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—David E. Lear, 41, 111 Ratliff St., Princeton, was arrested Feb. 26 on the Western Kentucky Parkway. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Matt Forker.

Two Dawson Springs people were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Robert Moore, 75, 225 Bull Creek Road, was charged Feb. 21 with second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Elizabeth A. Massey, 25, 45 Rosedale Court, No. 38, was charged Feb. 24 with theft by unlawful taking.



COACH Jeff Miller makes a presentation to Todd Bullock at the Senior Night celebration Friday, Feb. 17. With Todd are his parents Chris and Barry Bullock.

Madisonville Man Injured In Red Hill Road Accident

A traffic accident on Red Hill Road in Nortonville Sunday resulted in charges filed against a Madisonville man.

According to the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Mark Gentry responded to a complaint of a single-vehicle crash involving a dirt bike. He discovered that Michael R. Suttle, 29, had lost control of the the bike, causing him to leave the road and strike a ditch.

Suttle was transported by ambulance to Regional Medical Center where he was treated for a neck injury and released. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on a suspended/revoked license and operating an ATV on a roadway.

The crash is still under investigation.

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ANDREW MOORE prepares to present a rose to his mother Ann Moore Friday, Feb. 17, during the Senior Night activities.

Nortonville Couple Arrested Following Anonymous Call

A Nortonville couple was arrested, and their two-year-old child was removed from the home by Kentucky State Police Feb. 22.

According to KSP, Trooper Carlo Anderson and Hopkins County Deputy Sheriff Ryan Bailey responded to an anonymous complaint of drug activity at the home of Roger Skimehorn Jr. and his wife Brittany Skimehorn. After receiving consent to enter the residence, the officers located suspected methamphetamine, syringes, glass pipes, other items of drug paraphernalia and a police scanner.

Social Services was notified in reference to their two-year-old being in the residence, and the child was removed and placed in the custody of a family member.

The Skimehorns were charged with possession of a first-degree controlled substance (meth), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession/use of a radio that sends/receives police messages and endangering the welfare of a minor. Both were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Dump Truck Driver Wrecks Truck And Faces Charges

A dump truck driver was cited to court after a single-vehicle crash Feb. 22 on U.S. 62 approximately five miles east of Dawson Springs.

Kentucky State Police report Thomas Blyler, 29, of Greenville, was traveling east when his passenger side tires dropped off the shoulder of the road. He attempted to steer the vehicle back onto the road but over corrected and lost control. The truck overturned and came to rest upright on the westbound shoulder.

Blyler was transported by ambulance to Regional Medical Center for treatment. He was not wearing a seat belt. He was cited to court for operating a commercial motor vehicle with a CDL, no medical certificate in the driver's possession, operating CMV without a periodic inspection and no fire extinguisher.

Trooper Nick Rice investigated the crash.

Madisonville Man Jailed On Child Pornography Charges

Kentucky State Police arrested a Madisonville man Feb. 22 on 300 counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Detective Dan Morck conducted an investigation involving the online sharing of child pornography which led to a search warrant at a residence on Timmons Lane in Madisonville. During execution of the search warrant, several items of child pornography were located. Martin Clouse, 25, was arrested and lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Currently, no images of local children have been found. The case is still under investigation.

Parkway Collision Results In Multiple Drug Charges

Jordan Sample, 29, of Cherokee Village, Ark., was arrested by Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement following a collision on the Western Kentucky Parkway Feb. 22.

While on routine patrol, Sgt. Dewel Miller and Officer John Hibbs discovered the noninjury accident involving a commercial vehicle. Through the course of the collision investigation, it was discovered that Sample, the driver of the vehicle, was in possession of a quantity of anabolic steroids, empty pill capsules and numerous syringes.

Sample was arrested and charged with possession of a third-degree controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of trafficking in a second-degree controlled substance, having a prescription controlled substance not in a proper container, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc., possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle and numerous commercial vehicle safety violations. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Ten People Die In Crashes On State Roads Feb. 20-26

Ten people died in 10 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Feb. 20 through Feb. 26.

Eight of the fatalities involved motor vehicles, and four of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

Single-fatality crashes occurred in Bell, Clay, Grayson, Hardin (2), Mason, Rowan and Taylor counties.

Two of the fatalities involved pedestrians and occurred in Floyd and Grayson counties.

Through Feb. 26, preliminary statistics indicate 89 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is one fewer fatality than reported for the same time period in 2011.

Of 79 motor vehicle fatalities, 43 victims were not wearing seat belts. Eight of those crashes involved commercial motor vehicles. Two crashes involved motorcycles, and one of the victims was not wearing a helmet. Two crashes involved ATVs, and one victim was not wearing a helmet. Six pedestrians have died. Fourteen deaths have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

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Madisonville Plans Early For 2nd Annual 4thFest

Eight days of activities will more than triple the fun for those attending the second annual Madisonville 4thFest.

In 2011, more than 5,000 people attended the inaugural two-day community event at Madisonville City Park. The overwhelming response encouraged the steering committee to expand the celebration.

"We want this to be an annual, week-long, signature event for Madisonville," said Madisonville Mayor David Jackson. "That's been our plan since the beginning. It's good for our economy, and it's great for our quality of life."

Festivities kick off at the city park at 5 p.m. July 1 with a picnic and gospel music concert by 2011 Dove Award nominees No Other Name, a Nashville group, sponsored by Madisonville's First Baptist Church. At 7 p.m. Madisonville's collegiate baseball team, the Tradewater Pirates, will play a home game at Elmer Kelley Stadium. The game is sponsored by the Madisonville Lions and Rotary clubs. Admission will be free for all Sunday activities.

On Tuesday, July 3, Trover Health System and the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a free outdoor movie night and children's parade at the Fitness Park on the Trover Campus. Wednesday, July 4, features popular Motown hits and the pop of traditional Independence Day pyrotechnics. Nashville's Jimmy Church Band will perform on the city park stage at 6 p.m. followed by fireworks bursting in air over the city park lake at 9 p.m. The band is sponsored by First United Bank and the fireworks by the city of Madisonville.

Final competition for the "Let Freedom Sing" talent contest, sponsored by First United Bank and Trust Company, will also take place July 4. Registration for the contest will open in April, with the first auditions occurring in May, according to Karen Glenn, president of First United Bank. The winner will receive $500 and will perform as the opening act during Madisonville's Friday Night Live Aug. 10.

The unexpected success of last year's Independence Day events at the city park created some difficulties for those driving and parking, but parks director Chris Taylor said the issues have been addressed, and city departments have a plan.

"For 2012, we have a new strategy for how to handle so many vehicles," Taylor said. "Traffic should flow much better this year. However, we strongly encourage people to carpool if possible."

4thFest fun continues with Madisonville's Friday Night Live outdoor concert July 6 on the courthouse square. The evening will feature a performance by the beach party band Conch Republic, food vendors and other events that attract many visitors and residents to the historic downtown area.

The week's activities conclude with the fifth annual Pro-Am Disc Golf Tournament at Madisonville City Park July 6–8. The competition is sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association and offers great prizes and a challenging course.

"We anticipate close to 200 disc golfers from several states for this year's tournament," said Tricia Noel, executive director of the Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission, which sponsors the event. More information about the competition can be found at bluegrassdiscgolf.com.

COACH Jeff Miller gets a hug from Ben Puckett on Senior Night Friday, Feb. 17. With Ben are his parents Katie Griffin and Larry Puckett.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Feb. 17 through Feb. 23.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Acapulco Mexicans — 93

Minor violations include:

•Bottom of pan touching peppers in deep freeze

•Upright cooler not holding proper temperature

•Dish racks stored on floor

•Plastic lids stored on floor.

Mrs. Gloria's Child Enrichment Center (309 Boyle St.) — 100

No violations.

Hopkins County Central High School — 98

Minor violations include:

•Tater tots stored on floor.

Hucks (South Main Street) — 78

Major violations include:

•Milk out of date

•Cleaner stored by food product.

Minor violations include:

•Hand sink used for storage

•Three compartment sink not properly set up

•Eggs not properly stored

•Microwave in need of cleaning

•Heated food case in need of cleaning

•Wiping cloths not properly stored

•Light shields missing

•Vents over fryer in need of cleaning

•Floors in need of cleaning in various spots

•Ice scoop not properly stored

•Food spillage around coffee area

•Lid needed on trash can in women's restroom.

Hucks (follow-up) — 86

Minor violations include:

•Hand sink used for storage

•Three-compartment sink not properly set up

•Eggs not properly stored

•Microwave in need of cleaning

•Heated food case in need of cleaning

•Wiping cloths not properly stored

•Light shields missing

•Vents over fryer in need of cleaning

•Floors in need of cleaning in various spots

•Ice scoop not properly stored

•Food spillage around coffee area

•Lid needed on trash can in women's restroom.

Kangaroo Express (Nortonville) — 94

Minor violations include:

•Soiled wiping cloth stored on counter top

•Hand sink not draining properly

•Rusty shelf in walk-in cooler

•Debris buildup on fan guard in walk-in freezer

•Hand towels stored on floor

•Ceiling tile in poor repair (back storage).

South Hopkins Middle School Cafeteria — 100

No violations.

YouTube Posting Leads To Arrest Of Family Member

An investigation by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department into a YouTube posting led to the family of the suspect in an active case.

According to the sheriff's office, the family had obtained a video of an interview with a confidential informant through their attorney and then posted it on YouTube. A family member, Randall Southerland, turned himself in Feb. 24. He was charged with intimidating a participant in the legal process.

In a news release, the sheriff's department stated that it wants to ensure the safety of those who work with them to deter criminal activity in Hopkins County. The department will continue to monitor online activity and track down those who use social media to intimidate or harass citizens.

Princeton's Research Center Hosting Pest Control School

By
Katie Pratt

What has been a considerably mild winter thus far has many producers wondering if and how the warmer temperatures will affect diseases and insect pests in their fields in the upcoming growing season. The University of Kentucky's Integrated Pest Management School can help producers get a jumpstart on their 2012 management strategies.

The school is March 7 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Presentations by UK College of Agriculture specialists in weed science, soil science, plant pathology and entomology begin at 9 a.m. Topics include nitrogen management for corn, herbicide-resistant weeds, warmer temperatures and changing pest control challenges, a corn fungicide update, plant diseases in corn, soybeans and wheat, and managing insect pests of field crops in 2012.

The program is approved for the following pesticide applicator education hours: two general and one specific in categories 1A, 10, 12 and 14. Five continuing education units are available for Certified Crop Advisors including 2.5 in pest management, 0.5 in professional development and one each in nutrient management and crop management.

The school is free, and lunch is provided. The entire program and directions are available on the UK Integrated Pest Management Web site, www.ca.uky.edu/Ag/IPM.

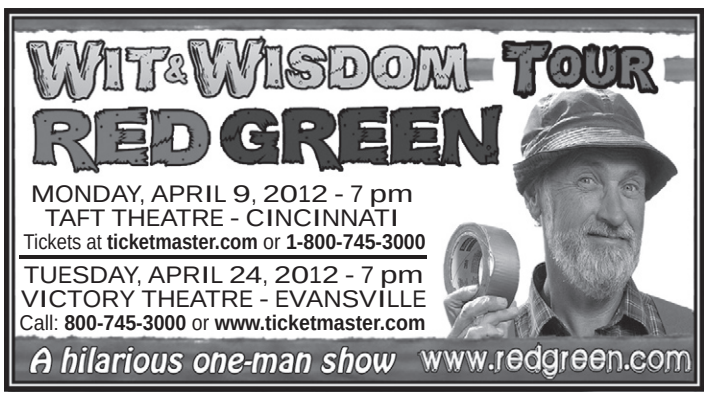
For more information about the meeting, contact Patty Lucas, UK Integrated Pest Management extension specialist, at plucas@uky.edu or 270-365-7541, ext. 218.

Woman Faces Drug Charges In Madisonville Home Arrest

A Madisonville woman was arrested on felony drug charges by Kentucky State Police Feb. 23.

Troopers arrested Tonya Dunlap, 44, after attempting to serve an arrest warrant at a residence on Victoria Drive. The individual they were looking for was not at the residence, but while the troopers were at the door, they smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the house. A search of the residence revealed approximately 11 ounces of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Trooper First Class John Komar arrested Dunlap, and charged her with trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.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NOVEMBER VOTING IS OUT

Beshear Accuses Williams Of Sabotaging Casino Vote

By
Janet Patton
Lexington Herald-Leader

A bid to allow casino gambling in Kentucky fell short of passage Thursday when the state Senate voted 21-16 against it. One senator was absent.

Gov. Steve Beshear's proposed constitutional amendment, introduced by Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, would have let voters decide in November whether to allow up to seven casinos.

"I want to congratulate Senate President Williams," Thayer said after the vote. "He has orchestrated the defeat of this amendment, and he deserves credit for doing that."

Thayer and Senate Minority Leader R.J. Palmer, D-Winchester, pressed to have the vote delayed because Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, was out of town. Without that pro-gambling vote, Palmer had conceded before the Senate came into session that the bill could not garner the necessary 23 votes to pass a constitutional amendment.

But Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said the vote would not be held off until Friday. Earlier in the day, Williams said that if the vote could get to 22 in favor, he would reopen the vote, but it fell well shy of that.

Williams did not speak on the Senate floor, but he opposed the bill.

"I think it's over," he said afterward.

"We need to go on. People need to lay this issue down. I don't think anybody needs to be dancing around, giving high fives. It's a very divisive issue."

Pointing to the vote margin, Williams said the outcome would not have changed if Neal had been present.

The governor, who defeated Williams to win re-election with a campaign promise to "let the people decide" on gambling, blamed the Senate president.

"Obviously, I am disappointed that several of the senators who had publicly said they would support letting the people decide did not follow through on their commitment to our citizens," Beshear said in a statement. "I am also disappointed that Senator Williams chose to sabotage the chance for our citizens to decide by scheduling the vote for today, when he knew that a senator who planned to vote 'yes' would not be in town."

The Senate debated the issue for more than two hours, with several senators, including Alice Forgy Kerr, R-Lexington, Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, and Julie Denton, R-Louisville, making impassioned personal pleas against the legislation, which they said would hurt Kentucky families.

But Thayer and Palmer argued that the bill was necessary for the horse industry, which Thayer said was under attack from other states that have casino-fueled purses and breeder incentives.

Those states, Thayer said, all want "to knock Kentucky off its pedestal as the horse capital of the world. ... It's an industry that deserves our support."

Patrick Neely, spokesman for the Kentucky Equine Education Project, expressed disappointment.

"Kentucky's horse industry has undoubtedly reached a critical juncture," Neely said in a statement. "We therefore challenge those elected officials who professed support for Kentucky's signature horse industry, but voted against the bill, to help us find solutions to our industry's significant competitive disadvantage."

Thayer said a number of lawmakers who had told Beshear they planned to vote for the bill withdrew support once it became clear it could not pass without Neal.

"I did everything I could do ... and it ended in defeat today," Thayer said.

In addition to Thayer, five other Republicans sided with 10 Democrats to support Beshear's bill.

But four Democrats voted against it, including Jones, the grandson of a Baptist minister.

"I, in good conscience, could not vote for something that will damage more families," Jones said on the floor.

Sen. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said the bill, which did not include 60-mile buffer zones around racetracks to prevent competition from free-standing casinos, "included too many variables."

"To me, it didn't guarantee the horse industry enough help," Webb said.

Provisions to limit five of the casinos to tracks and grant two to other locations were stripped from the bill in committee Wednesday.

With Kentuckians gambling an estimated $451 million annually at out-of-state casinos, that leaves the state with all of the problems of gambling but none of the tax benefits, Palmer said.

Sen. Walter Blevins, D-Morehead, said expanded gambling represented the only chance the state has for major increases in tax revenue.

"It won't take care of everything, but it will be a large Band-Aid," he said, calling it a voluntary tax.

But Kerr called it a "terrible, terrible idea — terrible public policy."

She said casinos at tracks would help only out-of-state casino and track owners "who are the richest people on the face of this earth."

Kerr said she supported the horse industry. But she argued that the bill would not help. "I do not represent those people who try to decimate our beloved horse industry," she said.

But key Democrats argued that polls done by the horse industry and the Kentucky Republican Party have shown people want the issue on the November ballot.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, said Beshear's overwhelming defeat of Williams in the gubernatorial race made that obvious.

"We are running at continual risk of irrelevancy to the citizens of Kentucky," Shaughnessy said. "If we do not put this in front of the voters, this issue will linger on."

But Thayer evidently won't be a part of it.

"I'm done," Thayer said when asked if he would try to attach a similar amendment to other legislation. But he declined to pronounce it dead.

"I think it's very difficult to predict in this building what's alive and what's dead," Thayer said. "I'm sanguine. Not mad; not going to take it personally."

In a statement, Keeneland chief operating officer Vince Gabbert thanked those who had worked for the bill: "We greatly appreciate the leadership of Governor Beshear, Senator Thayer and Senator Palmer on this important issue, but we are deeply disappointed in today's result."

Opponents also were forthcoming.

"Today's vote was not only a rejection of constitutional favors for fat cats, it was a bipartisan repudiation of the very idea that a rich industry should be able to engrave its name on our state's most important governing document," said Martin Cothran, spokesman for The Family Foundation.

A major opponent of the bill, the Rev. Hershael York, pastor of Frankfort's Buck Run Baptist Church, said he was pleased with the Senate vote but disappointed at how some members voted.

"To me, this ought to put it to rest," he said. "I ought to be invited to preach the funeral over this bill at this Capitol. It's dead. It ought to stay dead. Only Jesus was resurrected."

York, who was criticized earlier this year for speaking against gambling during a prayer at a joint session of the legislature, said he is to give the invocation Friday in the Senate.

He said he was scheduled to do so long before Thursday's vote. He said his prayer Friday would be one of praise.

DAWSON SPRINGS High School Dance team performing Thursday, Feb. 16, at halftime at the basketball game are (front, from left) Haylie Cunningham, Marissa Trover, Keyli Burden, Courtney Copeland, Halee VanVactor; (back) Ashton Coleman, Ashton Mitchell and Bobbi Jo Watson.

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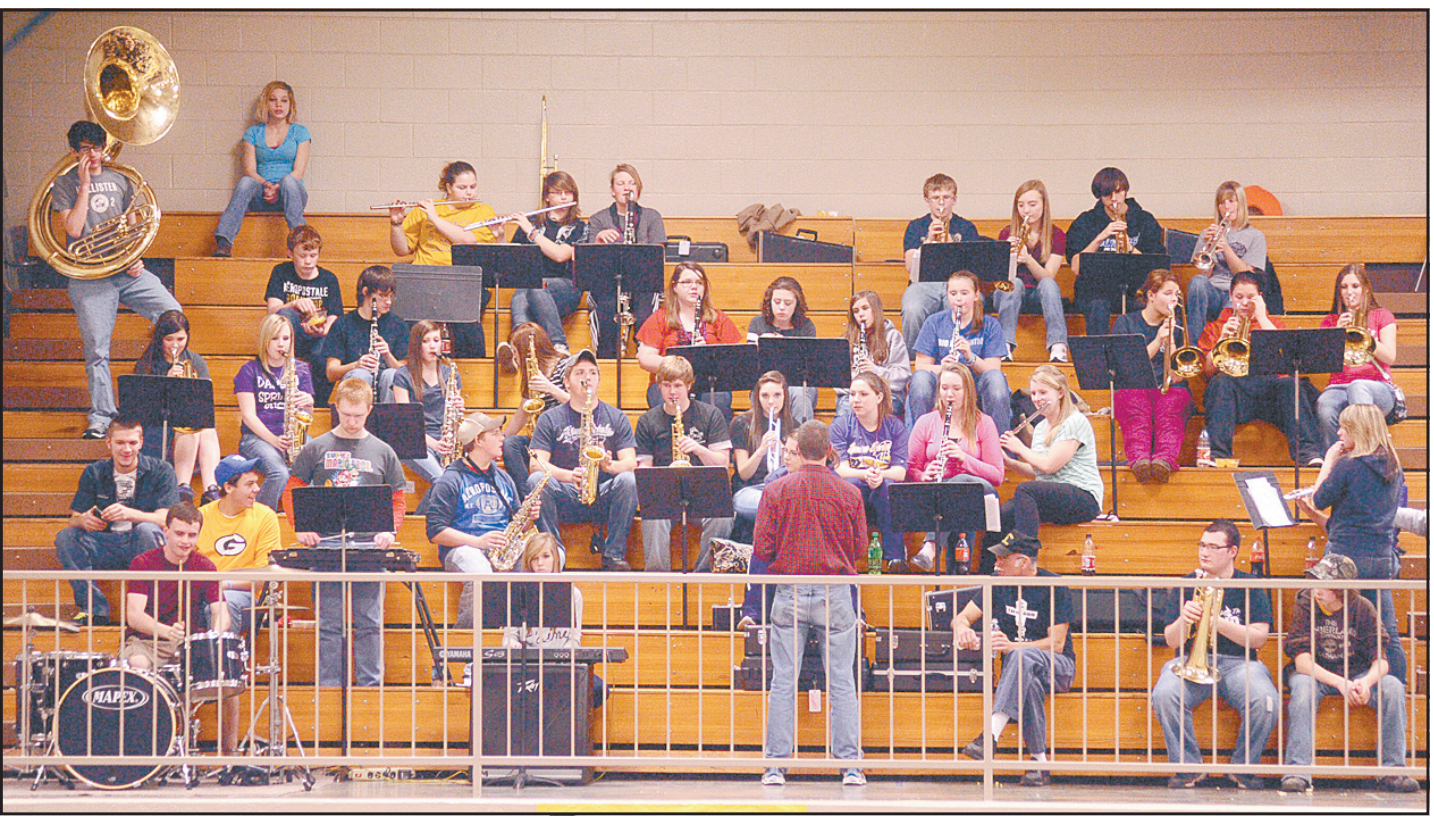

DAWSON Springs High School's Pep Band, under the direction of Andy Hall, performed Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the 7th District Basketball Tournament at Caldwell County High School. The boys and girls teams both lost in the opening round.

photo by Mike Howton

Average Gasoline Prices Have Risen 19.2 Cents

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 19.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.68 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 11.3 cents per gallon in the past week to $3.64 per gallon according to gasoline price Web site Kentucky GasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of noon Tuesday were $3.65 and $3.69 per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 31.9 cents per gallon higher than on the same day one year ago and are 26.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 26.6 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 29.8 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"2012 is looking increasingly like 2008," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Gregg Laskoski. "Gasoline prices are climbing aggressively as speculation drives crude oil higher; and once again, it's an election year. But this time it's the volatility in the Middle East that has everyone wondering 'How high is up?'"

JR. BETA CLUB members selling concessions at the sock hop Friday, Feb. 10, are (from left) Shatiki Robinson and Hannah Winters.

photo by Beth Dillingham

City Council Hears Police, Fire Reports

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Inc. ended the year with a balance of $375,440.

Police Chief Bill Crider gave the 2011 Public Safety Report with statistics for the police and fire departments. Police data indicates collisions in the city limits have increased. The number of warrants issued has increased from 159 in 2010 to 269 in 2011. Crider said this is the result of Internet-based e-warrants attached to a person's driver's license. In spite of Dawson Springs having the reputation of being a speed trap, Crider said, only 22 speeding citations were issued in 2011.

The Dawson Springs Fire Department reported 22 members who have completed a combined 711 hours of training. The department responded to 61 calls for service in 2011, down from 102 in 2010.

Jennifer Matheny, a local resident who asked to speak to the council, expressed concerns with her treatment by the police department. Matheny feels the police are holding a grudge against her.

Crider made no comment during the meeting but issued a written statement indicating that the department does not hold grudges but deals with each complaint in a fair and professional manner.

Sewell said she will ask Mitchell to head the budget committee for the next fiscal year. Ray Bochert and city clerk Janet Dunbar will also serve on the committee.

The mayor noted that the city has an animal control problem which needs to be addressed. She appointed Chasity Chappell as chairwoman of a committee to study the ordinances pertaining to animals.

The SUDS (Spruce Up Dawson Springs) Campaign will take place the week of April 16.

Dwight Seymore reported on economic development efforts since the last council meeting. He said the state is actively working to help the city locate an occupant for the Buckhorn building.

The flood plane study, which affects several areas including the spec building, contains obvious errors, and Seymore believes the city can make a good case for having the study redone.

"It's very important that we address that issue," he said.

The city is beginning to rebuild recruiting efforts by looking for industries with high potential for growth and industries that cannot be outsourced, Seymore said. Development of a tourism infrastructure at the same time that trails are developed is also being explored. Specific services and products which are needed are being identified. A data base of people to recruit to the community to do business will be built.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for March 19.

Regional State Of Emergency Declared For Bridge

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Recreation Area, one of Kentucky's most important tourism sites.

Substantial preconstruction work has been carried out for two new bridges that will replace the Eggners Ferry Bridge and a similarly aged and obsolete bridge over Lake Barkley on the other side of LBL. The recommended highway plan that Beshear sent to the General Assembly Jan. 17 provides $330 million in construction funding. That funding will not be affected by cost of repairs to the old bridge.

Elementary SBDM Council

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the stage in the auditorium. This will provide easy access for elementary students as well as high school students who can enter the building through the back door to purchase supplies.

Beth Dillingham will be in charge of Paw Mart, and students in the gifted and talented program will serve as managers.

The council heard second readings of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan; Closing the Gap (disability), a part of the CSIP; and the Enhancing Student Achievement Policy. The three were accepted with no revisions. A second reading was also held of a revision of the Curriculum Policy. That policy was accepted with changes in vocabulary to match current standards.

The council reviewed the school's Extracurricular, Homework and Improvement Planning policies. All were accepted without change.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. March 15 in the elementary conference room.

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ABOUT TOWN *By Scott*

Postal Service May Be A Dinosaur

Extinction is something all businesses and business owners try to avoid. It wasn't good for dinosaurs and it wouldn't be good for a business.

However, it appears the United States Postal Service as we know it now is like a dinosaur in many ways. One fact which must be faced is how e-mail has taken away from the postal service's business.

Not many small or even large businesses are able to succeed with the same business model it has used for years and years. Times change and business has to change — or become a dinosaur.

Something many people fail to understand about the mounting losses incurred by the U.S.P.S. is the great majority of the losses are a result of our very own United States Congress and an "Act" passed in 2006. That "Act" has required the U.S.P.S. to pre-fund healthcare benefits of future retirees at a cost of $5.5 billion a year. This pre-funding is at a rate of 75 years worth of benefits being funded in 10 years.

Do you think Congress would ever enact something similar on themselves? They (Congress) robbed money from Social Security in order to have more money available to spend. Never would they have required of themselves to pre-fund those benefits.

But even without the geniuses in the legislature dooming the U.S.P.S., times are changing and producing their own problems. The American public will have to live with a new and improved (?) U.S.P.S.

Some things which are inevitable are:

—The closings of post offices in very small towns and rural areas (the post office in St. Charles is on a list of office to be closed).

—The closing of many postal processing plants.

—Even doing away with Saturday delivery seems to be right around the corner.

But a simple "fix" to some of the problems could be to just charge what it costs to deliver mail. Nobody thinks it would cost the same to drive from Dawson Springs to Princeton as it would to drive from here to Los Angeles. But it costs the same to send a first class letter to either of those places. That may have been the way it needed to be during the Pony Express days, but it's ludicrous today.

Don't worry too much about the U.S.P.S. though. What many people fail to understand about the now extinct dinosaur — they were actually around for about 135 million years. The U.S.P.S. won't be around that long, but it's not going anywhere soon either.

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A recent commentary in another newspaper talked about the postal service's problems. One of the things mentioned was how citizens are contacting everyone from legislators to postal decision makers with requests to keep rural offices open, to keep Saturday delivery, to keep processing centers open, etc.

However, the story mentioned one of those who were contacting the decision makers said he was doing so not by sending a letter — but by writing an e-mail.

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Now for something almost as extraordinary as some of the things the U.S. Congress does… this "ultimate ethnic joke" was sent by cousin Driscoll…

— An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, a German, an Indian, several Americans (including a southerner, a New Englander, and a Californian), an Argentinean, a Dane, an Australian, a Slovak, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Moroccan, a Frenchman, a New Zealander, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Guatemalan, a Colombian, a Pakistani, a Malaysian, a Croatian, a Uzbek, a Cypriot, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Chinese, a Sri Lankan, a Lebanese, a Cayman Islander, a Ugandan, a Vietnamese, a Korean, a Uruguayan, a Czech, an Icelander, a Mexican, a Finn, a Honduran, a Panamanian, an Andorran, an Israeli, a Venezuelan, a Fijian, a Peruvian, an Estonian, a Brazilian, a Portuguese, a Liechtensteiner, a Mongolian, a Hungarian, a Canadian, a Moldovan, a Haitian, a Norfolk Islander, a Macedonian, a Bolivian, a Cook Islander, a Tajikistani, a Samoan, an Armenian, an Aruban, an Albanian, a Greenlander, a Micronesian, a Virgin Islander, a Georgian, a Bahaman, a Belarusian, a Cuban, a Tongan, a Cambodian, a Qatari, an Azerbaijani, a Romanian, a Chilean, a Kyrgyzstani, a Jamaican, a Filipino, a Ukrainian, a Dutchman, an Ecuadorian, a Costa Rican, a Swede, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Belgian, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian and 47 Africans, walk into a fine restaurant.

"I'm sorry," says the maître d', scrutinizing the group one by one and barring their entrance, "You can't come in here without a Thai."

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These come from our friend Chip…

—A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know — Our Father, who does art in heaven…"

—Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

— People want the front of the bus, the back of the church and the center of attention.

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One more thing — in an effort to not be like a dinosaur, The Progress is once again going online. More about this later, but check out what should be online today (Thursday) at www.dawsonspringsprogress.com.

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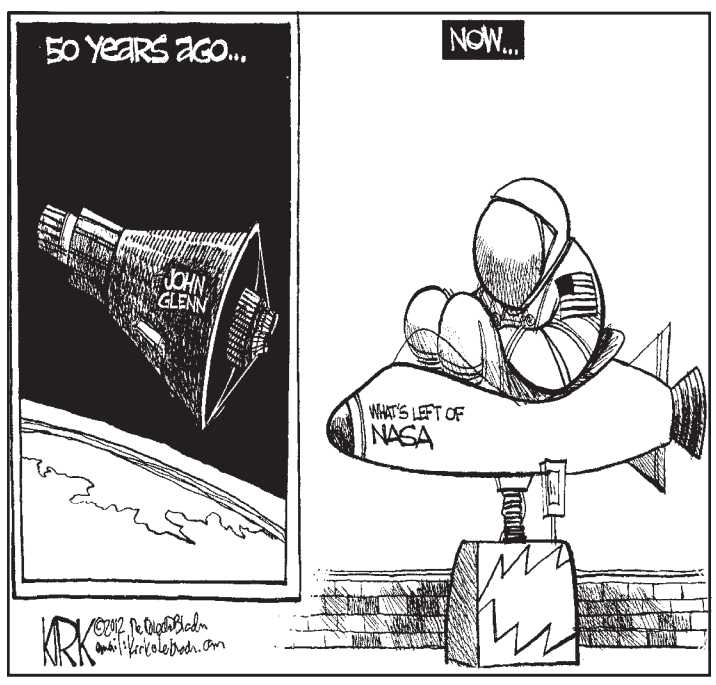

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COMMENTARY

Bullying Has Many Causes

By
Alexis Seymore
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This is the fourth commentary I have written on bullying, a relatively easy job to this point. However, analyzing the causes of bullying is much more difficult than writing about the kinds of bullying. The causes are complex, and no one cause is solely responsible. Several causes interact to form the disrespectful syndrome that we call bullying.

According to Albert Gonzalez, a relationship expert, the home environment is a major factor in creating bullies. Homes that breed teenage bullies will likely be: void or lacking in adult supervision; single parent homes; in neighborhoods where violence is commonplace; low socioeconomic homes; homes where parents/guardians have little education; supportive of aggression as a way of solving conflicts.

I want to comment on some of these causes separately. Before I do, I apologize if I offend anyone by any of these comments, but my thirty plus years of experience in seeing children who are lacking in so many of the nurturing elements of healthy development is the basis of some of my opinions, and I stand by them.

Many homes today have a basic lack of adult supervision. Along with supervision goes the responsibility to teach those children basic values that enable them to respect themselves and others. What we see at school is not so much a lack of adult supervision, but rather a tendency to allow the children to "drive the bus." I have had calls from preschool parents who tell me they can't get their children out of bed to get them ready for preschool because they (the children) don't want to. Yes, I said preschool—three

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Past Coach Remembers

Dear Editor:

Enjoyed the 50 years ago column last week. Six game losing streak was stopped by winning over Madisonville. In those six, we sorely missed leading scorer, Steve Bowles, in five of those as he was out with an injury. That game made the second win of the season over Madisonville as the other was in their Christmas Tournament as the Panthers won by a score of 73-63.

The remainder of the 1961-62 season went like this: Feb. 23, 1962 was a win over Caldwell County by a score of 67-62 which I believe was the 20th win on the season.

Next up was the district tourney at Christian County. Dawson Springs won over Trigg County by a score of 68-54 but suffered a two-point loss to Hopkinsville Attucks in the finals by a score of 62-64. Hopkinsville and Christian County were beaten in the first round.

In the regional tournament that year (also held at Christian County High School), the Panthers were up against Livingston Central who had beaten the

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OTHER EDITORS

Casino Gambling Plan Is Dead

Casino gambling seems as good as dead in Kentucky.

There undoubtedly will be efforts in the future to revive the idea and push it through the General Assembly, either as a constitutional amendment or as an enabling statute. But it would be far more realistic and constructive to embalm the proposal, bury it politically and come up with a more workable idea.

That isn't a view that we express with glee. Indeed, the state Senate's rejection of a proposed constitutional amendment — simply allowing voters to decide whether to expand gambling in the state — is deeply unfortunate. Done right, the measure could have served a crucial dual purpose of bringing desperately needed additional revenue to state government and bolstering Kentucky's sagging horse racing and breeding industries against competition from states where horse interests benefit from other forms of gambling.

But this was not an exercise done right. The initial proposal embraced by Gov. Steve Beshear and introduced by Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, was flawed and drew immediate opposition, even from potential allies. The lack of leadership and preparation by the Governor was profoundly disappointing. The various arms of the horse industry didn't present a strong united voice, the measure appeared designed to offer racetracks a windfall at state expense, and no apparent effort seemed to have been made to enlist wide backing from business leaders and local officials for the new revenue and economic boost that casinos could offer.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, an implacable foe of expanded gambling, can be criticized for ignoring the results of last November's election, in which he was buried by Gov. Beshear. House Speaker Greg Stumbo seemed content to watch a train wreck. State Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, should be roasted for not even showing up to vote for a measure he co-sponsored.

But the reality remains that there is no political will or leadership to expand gambling.

The need now is for a Plan B. Even as casinos and racetrack slots have boosted Kentucky's competitors, this state remains a primary state for racing and the leading state for thoroughbred breeding. That status will continue to deteriorate as the horse and racing interests elsewhere exploit an unfair competitive advantage gained by state-initiated gambling money. An industry that has an annual financial impact in Kentucky of almost $4 billion and directly or indirectly supports nearly 100,000 jobs will shrink in this state.

So, Governor? Sen. Williams? Mr. Speaker? Ladies and gentlemen of the horse industry? What's next? We hope it's better thought out than Plan A.

—The Courier-Journal

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.)

Scott Jennings is named as U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's campaign political director.

The Panther girls beat Trigg Co. to push their win mark to 22.

The funeral for William "Bill" Randolph, 82, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 25, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Mrs. Mary "Lillian" Dockery, 94, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 5, 1987.)

Kelly Martene Carlton was born Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Jennie Stuart Hospital in Hopkinsville. She weighed six pounds and 14 ounces.

Elizabeth Howton celebrated her fifth birthday on Monday, Jan. 5, with a party at her home.

A surprise party in honor of Angela Renee Perkins' 16th birthday was held Friday night, Feb. 27, at the Clarkdale Court Community Room.

Aimee Rogers, an eighth grader at Charleston Elementary School has been named to the All-County Junior High Cheerleading Squad following competition at South Hopkins High School.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 1, 1962.)

After defeating Caldwell County Friday night, 67-62, the Panthers ended regular season play with 20 wins and 12 losses.

The 40th anniversary of the Outwood Veterans Hospital was celebrated with a homecoming event for discharged patients, retired employees and volunteers Wednesday afternoon, February 14.

Seventy-one students in the Dawson Springs High School belong or are eligible for the Beta Club.

A new firm, Family Stores, will have its grand opening here, starting today.

Grocery prices taken from ads in this week's edition:

From Davis' Grocery- Fryers, lb. 29¢; Russet Potatoes- 10 lb. bag 19¢; Folger's Coffee, 1-lb. can 59¢.

From C's Star Market- Pork Chops, lb. 57¢; Goldenrod Milk, 1/2 gal. 47¢; Fresh Pork Ribs, lb. 39¢.

From Kavanaugh's IGA- IGA Oleo, 5 lbs. 89¢; IGA Saltine Crackers, 1 lb. box 19¢; Chuck Roast Lb. 49¢.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at age 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

• On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of children's books, is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street" (1937), was rejected by dozens of publishers.

• On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, N.J. Days later, the baby's body was discovered near the Lindbergh home.

• On Feb. 28, 1940, Mario Andretti, whose name will become synonymous with American auto racing, is born in Montona, Italy. He officially retired from racing in 1994 as the only driver to ever win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and a Formula One championship.

• On March 4, 1966, a John Lennon quotation that was ignored in England set off a media frenzy in America: "We're more popular than Jesus now." Bible Belt disc jockeys declared Lennon's remarks blasphemous and vowed an eternal ban on all Beatles music.

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There Are Many Causes Of Bullying

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and four-year-olds.

A few years ago, a father came to see one of our administrators about the behavior of his son and said to the administrator, "Why don't you make him get his hair cut?" How ridiculous! I had a mother call me whose daughter wanted to change to another school system. The mother didn't want her to change, but she didn't want to tell her child because "she will get so mad at me." The parent wanted me to be the "bad guy" and tell her daughter no. I could go on for hours with stories like this. Some of them would be funny if they weren't so sad.

When did parents become afraid to be the authority figure because they don't want to make their children mad at them? I don't think my parents ever cared if I got mad at them, and if I did get mad at them, I was afraid to act like I was. I hope I was never afraid that my son would get mad at me if I told him he couldn't do something or corrected him in some way. I didn't want him to be mad at me, but I knew he would get over it. It was my responsibility as a parent to teach him values, respect for others, keep him safe, and love him unconditionally—even if he was occasionally unhappy with me.

I am not bashing single parent homes; I have a great deal of sympathy of single parents. I don't have sympathy for divorced parents who fight a continuous war and let their children know it. They criticize the other parent in front of the children, argue with the other parent in front of the children, try to keep the other parent from seeing the children. Children are not supposed to be prisoners of a parent war. Children need both parents in their lives—regularly. Studies show that children of divorced parents fare very well when both parents are civil to each other, when both parents are involved in their children's lives, when both parents make decisions, and when both parents show their love for their kids.

Single parents have extremely difficult jobs. It is incredibly hard to go to work all day, come home and do housework, get the kids fed, help with homework, get baths and clothes ready for the next day, get up early to get the children up, feed them, get them ready for school, go to work, and do everything all over again, every day. Many single parents are just too tired to be involved with their children's activities, help with homework, etc., etc., etc. But they have a responsibility to their children, and, tired or not, the children are supposed to come first.

That's what parents are supposed to do—put their children first, in front of everything else. A parent's responsibility is to know what their children are doing at school, attend school activities, know who their friends are, know where they are, know what they are doing, and be their child's first teacher.

I haven't written about all of the causes of bullying, so I will continue with those next week. You may be wondering what these things have to do with bullying, but I promise I will tie all of them together next week, or the week after that, or sometime. As I said, this is a complex problem with no easy solutions.

Next week—More Causes of Bullying

COACH Jeff Miller presents flowers to Trey Miller as part of the Senior Night celebration Friday, Feb. 17. With them are parents Jeanetta and Jerrol Miller.

Letters To The Editor

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Panthers in 1959, which was before my time. That game was a legend. As I was told the Panthers had a 14-point lead only to surrender to Don Ringstaff's fantastic shooting. This made it possible to try to get revenge three years later. I remember the backing by the Panther fans and their support.

The game was nip-and-tuck and in spite of Boswell and Ramage of Livingston Central, the Panthers were determined to get revenge for the 1959 loss. These two mentioned went on to play college ball — one at Vanderbilt and the other at Georgetown (I think). Needless to say, the Panthers prevailed with a 73-69 win. In the semi-finals of the regional, Earlington took out the Panthers to end the season with an overall record of 22-14.

Sincerely,
Philip Back

Meth Labs Must Go

Dear Editor,

Kentucky lawmakers need to take a hard look at legislation passed in the state of Mississippi recently. All medications with pseudoephedrine are now only available by prescription.

This law has really ruined it for the makers of methamphetamine. Meth production has been severely hurt by this new law. One lawmaker is calling it the most significant legislation against illegal drugs in 50 years. That is a pretty eye-opening statement.

Last year in Kentucky, meth lab discoveries were at the highest level ever. It's time to take the guts out of meth production in Kentucky. Too many families have already been hurt by this terrible drug.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

Dance Was A Success

Dear Editor,

The Valentine's Day dance presented by the Al E. Orton Masonic Lodge #628 on Feb. 10 was a huge success. We'd like to thank the city for the use of the community center and all those who volunteered to chaperone the event.

The dance was held to give our youth a wholesome activity and to raise money for our high school scholarship fund. Young people from eighth grade through grade 12 were invited to attend. All money collected went into a $500 scholarship award for a worthy high school senior. This event alone raised over $220, and the lodge is making plans for other events as well.

We covet the prayers and support of Dawson Springs in this effort.

Ray Bochert
Lodge secretary

Forget Not Past Errors

Dear Editor,

Opinions of the state's citizens on changes to law could be democratically considered by referendum. The Kentucky General Assembly could submit for the November ballot a proposal to make no further changes in the law that would permit additional expansion of gambling.

Votes of people eager to improve the breed of horses could balance with votes of others who are displeased with such social influences. Outcome of such vote could save legislators time and effort on their statutory budget responsibility.

Earlier misadventures of the General Assembly, such as the increased tax, not on wholesale whiskey from all sources, but on Kentucky product in the warehouse, whiskey. That drove the warehouse and cooperage industry and jobs out of the state. Much of those jobs and taxes never returned.

A later tax was levied on each September 1 on all bank accounts. When Kentucky bank accounts were devastated and overdrawn, all Kentuckians learned to keep cash in accounts, funds, credit bureaus in states that treated them less harshly.

The "unintended consequences" caused the following General Assembly to rescind the bad taxes. Santayana said something like "those who forget the lessons of history are condemned to repeat them."

Rex J. Phillips
Lexington

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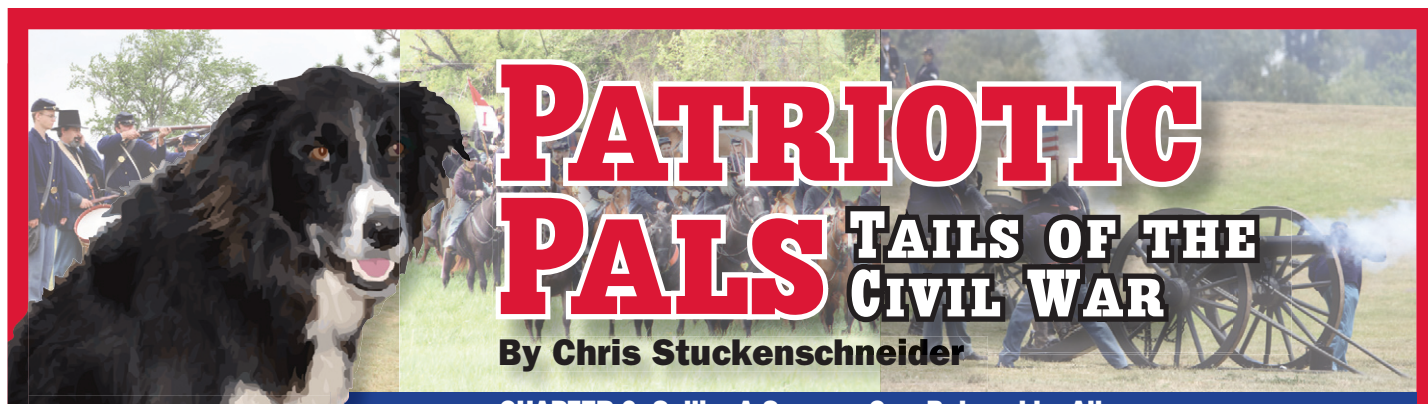

Patriotic Pals
Tails of the Civil War

By Chris Stuckenschneider

CHAPTER 6: Sallie, A Scrappy Cur, Beloved by All

Attention! Roll out—not over, troops! The bugle calls us to Gettysburg, Pa., where we'll meet Sallie and visit the site of the most costly battle of the Civil War, in terms of casualties for the Confederacy and the Union.

Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863, was an ominous battle, and a low point for the South's Gen. Lee. Though the war waged for two more years, Lee never again attempted to gain a northern stronghold, even though the South rallied again with some success, but eventually ran out of troops to serve.

Sallie, a brindle, Staffordshire bull terrier, is the only Civil War canine with enough clout to have her snout, and the rest of her, immortalized in a bronze statue at Gettysburg. Walt and I drove to Pennsylvania to see the hilly, rock-strewn battlefield. It was peaceful, the quiet broken only by birdsong and a packet of squirrels churning up the leaves.

Photo showing what Sallie might have looked like.

Peaceful now, but not back in the day when two massive armies clashed, surprising one another at Gettysburg. Reinforcements were called up, and the tug of war continued. On the third day of the battle, the South pulled out all the stops. Lee threw a desperate half-court shot, sending waves of Rebels directly into the Union's artillery fire.

The South's men splintered like toothpicks. Defeated and dismayed, Lee was forced to retreat. It's hard to fathom, but the dead men carted away and the wounded men limping behind him formed a line of defeat that extended for miles.

Sallie saw it all—at Gettysburg you can read her dog-witness account. Sallie was a soldiers' pet, a mascot of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

The men got her as a pup, a roly-poly, feisty fighter, a loyal cur that cut her milk teeth on a saber. Sallie was a female, but she didn't cater to women, to Rebels or Democrats. It was all military, "Yes, Sir," for Sallie, a born and bred soldier from the get-go, a stalwart service-gal who assigned herself to a particular soldier and dogged him day and night, even seeming to recognize the rank held by each soldier.

Sallie rose before the sun burned the dew off the grass, answering the bugle for roll call and flag raising. She barked incessantly at the sight of a Rebel—as she raced ahead with her men, smack into the heat of battle.

Adored and admired, the ol' girl was good company for the soldiers too, and helped them realize if she could survive being wounded twice and come back for more, they could too. As the war raged on, soldiers of the North and South needed all the encouragement they could get. The men were exhausted and missed home, but Sallie's home was standing guard outside a tent of whatever infantryman she'd adopted for the night.

Stalwart and unflinching, Sallie braved the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At Gettysburg, President Lincoln acknowledged her with a military salute.

Sallie's Memorial at Gettysburg.

During the battle at Gettysburg, Sallie lost her bearings. She became separated from her regiment, and the men feared she'd been struck or captured.

Not scrappy Sallie. She was found tending the wounded and watching over her deceased Union friends, not allowing anyone, Confederate or Union, to get near them. That was Sallie, a soldier to the end—an end that came in 1865 during the siege of Petersburg, Va.

Descendents of the Pennsylvania regiment wanted Sallie to be remembered. A replica of her resides at Gettysburg; her proud head rests on her paws as her brown eyes gaze in watch of approaching Rebels, ever faithful Sallie, a heroine for the ages.

Paper Training

Sallie's regiment wanted her to be remembered, so they commemorated her on a statue at Gettysburg. Find a leader in the newspaper and draw a plaque or design a statue in their honor.

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DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TIME

Lack Of Rebounding Haunts Panther Girls At Caldwell County

There are many ways to win basketball games just like there are many ways to lose them.

The Panther girls lost in the opening round of the 7th District Tournament March 21 because they gave up too many offensive rebounds and second-chance points.

Caldwell County dominated the offesive glass with 33 offensive rebounds and beat the Panthers 63-48 on the Tigers' home floor.

The Tigers defeated Madisonville-North Hopkins 43-42 Feb. 23 to claim the district championship.

"We played decent defense, but we didn't rebound the ball," Panther girls head coach Erik Peyton said. "We didn't have a chance (in the game) by not rebounding."

The Panthers stayed close through the first half even with giving up second-chance points by making free throws. Seven of eight Panther free throws went through the net in the second quarter.

The Tigers led 12-8 after the opening period and 30-17 at the half.

However, the third period was all downhill for the Panthers. The deficit swelled to as many as 25 points during the quarter. The score was 46-27 after three quarters.

"I told the girls before the game if we play good defense but don't rebound, we are going to be in for it," Peyton said.

The girls were "in for it."

"In the third quarter, they had seven offensive rebounds in the first six minutes," Peyton said. "We were not blocking out at all. We were lucky to only be getting beat 25. We should have been down by 40."

Not only did the Panthers not rebound, but they also turned the ball over too many times. Unofficially they had six first-quarter turnovers, four in the second quarter, eight in the third and three in the fourth.

Tayler Mills led the Panthers in scoring and tied for game-high honors with 16 points.

The Tigers' Kaitlyn Gilkey also scored 16.

The Panthers shot very well from the charity stripe making 16 of 21 for 76 percent. Caldwell County made only 14 of 32 for 44 percent.

Senior Rihana McKnight closed out her Panther career with 15 points. Elizabeth Black was also in double figures with 10 points. Lauren Menser added six points and Carly Bruce made a free throw for one point.

"The girls played hard and didn't give up," their coach said. "We just could not rebound the ball. It was very frustrating.

The Panthers closed the season with a 7-23 record.

TAYLER MILLS looks to score during the opening round of the Panther girls' 7th District Tournament game at Caldwell County. The host school beat the Panthers 63-48 Tuesday, Feb. 21.

photo by Mike Howton

ELIZABETH BLACK is surrounded by two Caldwell County defenders as she looks to take the ball to the basket during the Panthers' 63-48 opening round loss in the 7th District Tournament at Princeton Tuesday, Feb. 21.

photo by Mike Howton

Genseal	0	0	5	0	Ames	2	1	2	6	Williams	2	0	3	4	
McKnight	4	7	5	15	Gilkey	5	6	3	16	TOTALS	23	14	20	63	
Menser	3	0	5	6	Yates	5	1	3	11	3-pointers: McKenzie, Loomis (2)					
Loney	0	0	3	0	Rodgers	5	4	2	14						
Bruce	0	1	0	1	Harper	1	0	3	2						
PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP	TOTALS	16	16	25	48	Loomis	2	1	2	7	
Mills	6	4	4	16						Fraliex	1	0	2	2	
Black	3	4	3	10	CALDWELL	FG	FT	F	TP	Gilliland	0	1	0	1	

Panthers	8	17	27	48
Caldwell Co.	12	30	46	63

Panthers Are No Match Against North Hopkins

The draw for the 7th District Basketball Tournament wasn't kind to Jeff Miller's boys basketball team and neither were the results of that draw.

The Panthers with their 5-24 recrod were matched against 19-8 Madisonville-North Hopkins. The Maroons had not lost to a 7th-district team and ran away with an 81-24 spanking of the Panthers.

TRE FAMBROUGH'S shot is contested by Josiah Powell during the Panthers' 81-24 loss to Madisonville-North Hopkins Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the opening round of the 7th District Tournament at Caldwell County.

photo by Mike Howton

The Maroons won the tournament Feb. 23 with a 78-49 win over tournament host Caldwell County.

The Panthers kept it close throughout the opening period. The Maroons held a 12-7 lead after the opening period.

"The score does not tell the fight the boys had in them. It was a ball game for a quarter and a half," Coach Miller said. "They ran off and left us about midway through the second quarter."

By halftime the lead had ballooned to 21 points. The score at the intermission was 33-12.

"They started the game going small and quick," Coach Miller said. "They wanted to see if they could get a lot of steals. But we handled their press well for the most part. We broke it and had some opportunities."

In the third quarter, the Maroons put the pedal to the metal, outscoring the Panthers 27-3 to take a 60-15 lead into the final quarter.

"Their strength and speed wore us down," Coach Miller said. "We were playing five times faster than we ever played because of their speed. They put their height in and got second and third chances on the offensive end."

Fifteen players scored for the Maroons and only one was in double figures — senior guard Jawan Combs had 16 points. The Maroons have nine seniors on their roster.

Colton Chapple led the Panthers in scoring with five points; Tré Fambrough added four points; seniors Todd Bullock, Ryan McKnight, Ben Puckett and Trey Miller each scored three points; and seventh grader Dylan Simpson hit a 3-pointer for his total.

"I'm going to miss my seniors," Coach Miller said. I've had the juniors and seniors ever since junior pro. I have a lot of feelings for them."

The Panthers made only one of 12 free throws for 8 percent. North Hopkins made eight of 11 for 73 percent.

Coach Miller thinks the Maroons could go far in the regional tournament. They played Lyon County on the Maroons' home court Feb. 29.

RYAN McKNIGHT tries to get past Cameron Tandy in the opening round of the 7th District Tournament at Caldwell County. The Panthers lost 81-24 to Madisonville-North Hopkins.

photo by Mike Howton

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP	Carr	4	0	2	8						
Bullock	1	0	2	3	Powell	1	0	4	2						
McKnight	1	0	2	3	White	2	2	1	6						
Chapple	2	0	0	5	Gray	1	0	0	2						
Miller	1	1	4	3	Soder	1	0	1	2						
Fambrough	2	0	2	4	Dulin	1	2	0	4						
Smiley	0	0	1	0	Hopson	3	0	2	6						
B. Puckett	1	0	1	3	Springfield	3	0	0	6						
Simpson	1	0	0	3	Waide	1	2	2	5						
Stevens	0	0	1	0	Fisher	2	0	0	4						
TOTALS	9	1	13	24	Thomas	4	0	1	8						
3-pointers: Bullock, McKnight, Chapple, B. Puckett, Simpson					Warren	1	0	1	2						
					TOTALS	34	8	15	81						
					3-pointers: Combs (4), Waide										
N. HOPKINS	FG	FT	F	TP											
Combs	6	0	0	16											
Jones	2	0	1	4											
Tandy	2	2	0	6											

Panthers	7	12	15	24
North Hopkins	12	33	60	81

Time Hurried Off The Clock For Seniors

Sports In Kentucky

Bob Watkins

Senior Week.

Basketball fan in Kentucky, did you notice time hurry off your clock?

It rushed across the map like a big wind or gale force of worn-out cliches from Dick Vitale's mouth?

Tickets and travel times and tip times — clips of 10 seconds, 35 seconds, endless coach-then-television time-outs, referee reviews, 20 minute halves, 40 minutes of Kidd-Gilchrist, 40 more of Isaiah Canaan, then whoooosh – Senior Week.

Think of the radio parade of pregame primers and post-game punch lines; TV replays, referee analysis and hoping Vitale shuts up some time before the rooster crows.

All of the carnival maximized by Jay Bilas at SportsCenter and capsulized via Clark Kellogg's personalized vocabulary.

For three months there was lockstep among fans in Big Blue Nation, Murray State Racer World and Louisville Yummers. All wanted to know: "When's the next poll come out?"

It was that kind of season.

At the top, with 20 wins-in-a-row is Kentucky; Murray hovered around 10th and Louisville bobbed and wobbled into the middle of the Top 25. Western Kentucky added suspense with a head coach re-fit.

Suddenly, it's Senior Week — sayin' good bye time.

From Kyle Kuric at Louisville, Darius Miller at Kentucky to Ivan Aska at Murray State, who said farewell at CFSB Center last week, it's the last roundup on home boards. Where did time go?

Senior Week.

At Kentucky this one's different, more sad than usual. An exodus to test severe loyalty and passion in Big Blue Nation. It's a roster wipe-out that saddens college basketball purists.

Two seniors, two freshmen and two sophomores will play their last at Rupp Arena this week.

At the head of the list is Anthony Davis.

Comets come by rarely. In football, it's a John Unitas. At the track, Secretariat. Golf, Jack Nicklaus. UK Basketball, Davis.

As game clocks clicked down this winter, and because television makes Kentucky America's team, fans everywhere got to see Davis. The rarity of what he brought cannot be overstated. Dunks and blocked shots and poised play, yes, but here was a teenager with gumption and stamina and role-model presence. Order your No. 23 today.

• A once-upon-a-time Chicago two-guard, he resurrected the blocked shot as a tool instead of slam into the fifth row that redeems nothing.

• Kentucky's Mr. long-and-lean 6-10 man showed us a jump shot at the shot clock, jump hook, slams from Mars, and my favorite, a falling down scoop shot prayer.

• Davis ignored the trash, weathered the punishment and played with dignity and devotion to team and game — ala Bill Russell.

• College player of the year? By a Cawood Ledford mile, it's Davis.

All this said, freshman Anthony Davis shows up in home whites for the last time at Rupp Arena Thursday night. The kid celebrates a birthday next week (born March 11, 1993).

Between now and June, NBA general managers will stomp on each other's faces for the chance to stuff millions into the hands of the 19-year-old.

Sound good? If making possible dreams-come-true-today for Davis' family, yes. For those of us who've lived long enough to know time is more precious than gold, no?

The seasons of being 18-to-22 are pinnacle ones. Time to be cool, sparkle, dream, have fun, see the new in everything and wise to put one foot in front of the other and not rush.

Anthony Davis is special. Barring injury, he is destined for greatness on a basketball court. Off it, when the ball stops bouncing, who knows?

What Kentuckians who love the game know for sure, gratitude that he came this way made him a treasure to us in our time.

MILLER: 'THE DAGGER'

Hunch here – Darius Miller, "The Dagger," will have a thoroughbred kind of run in post-season. One UK fans last witnessed in 1998 when, at every critical moment, senior Jeff Sheppard stepped up, led Kentucky to the national championship and was MVP at the Final Four.

Miller, as he did against Vanderbilt and Ole Miss, shows an uncanny sense of timing, sticking a dagger (three-ball) into an opponent to kill a run at the Wildcats.

What to watch for Thursday: When Miller and his parents step onto the Rupp Arena, who will cry first, the kid or his mother?

TERRENCE JONES

In part because Terrence Jones has adjusted to an Anthony Davis-Michael Kidd-Gilchrist marquee this season, the 6-8 forward has almost certainly played himself down in the NBA draft first round.

Jones' uneven play leaves pro general managers to wonder, "Will this kid give us our money's worth 85 nights a season?"

Conclusion? With another batch of John Calipari one-and-dones on the way, wouldn't it be interesting (and profitable) if Jones returned to Kentucky next season and be the team's elder?

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Notable. Hilltoppers' coach Ray Harper is 2-and-0 as coach without interim in front of his name. Equally important, 2-0 for the Hilltoppers' final home stand at Diddle Arena, closing with a win over Middle Tennessee in front of a sell-out crowd, that primes the Hilltoppers for tournament play and rivals Willie Taggart's renaissance across the parking lot.

WORTH REPEATING DEPARTMENT

NBA all-time points scored leader, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was asked in an interview with Time Magazine, "Do you think if you were in your prime now, you'd still be an All-Star?"

"Players today are tremendously gifted, but they don't understand the game as well as players from my generation who got to play in college and learn the nuances, when situations arise that lead to victory or defeat," Abdul-Jabbar replied. "They think it's about being on (ESPN) Play of the Day."

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

March Fishing Includes Good Sauger Catches

(Editor's note: This is the second installment of a seven week series titled "March Fishing Madness" profiling productive early fishing spots across Kentucky.)

By
Lee McClellan

Water temperatures in Kentucky rivers hovering in the high 30s to low 40s do not inspire confidence that it is a great time to go fishing.

However, for Kentucky sauger anglers, right now is glory time.

"I fished below Lock and Dam 6 on the Kentucky River last Saturday and I caught 12 sauger," said Ryan Oster, federal aid coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The fish are there. The better fish I caught farther downstream from the dam."

A five year stocking program commenced in 2006 placed hundreds of thousands of fingerling sauger in the Kentucky River from Lock and Dam 4 upstream to the headwaters. Excellent sauger fishing is now found throughout the river.

The next few weeks bring sauger below locks and dams not only on the Kentucky River, but the Ohio River, the Cumberland River below Lake Cumberland, the Tennessee River below Kentucky Lake and the Cumberland River below Lake Barkley. These areas offer anglers bank fishing opportunity as well as fishing from a boat.

Sauger hit orange, chartreuse, lime-green, white or pink curly-tailed grubs and soft plastic minnow imitators fished on the bottom just below these dams. Depending on current, you'll need anywhere from a 1/4-ounce leadhead up to an ounce or more. If your lure isn't regularly contacting bottom, then you likely aren't catching sauger.

In addition to soft plastic lures rigged on leadheads, walleye fishing tactics using a spinner rig work for late winter sauger in the deep holes below dams.

The combination of bright plastic beads, a rotating blade, and a lively minnow is hard for sauger to resist. In turbid waters fish orange, yellow, white, chartreuse, pink or other bright-colored bead and blade combinations for added visibility.

Spinner rigs are easy to tie and inexpensive to make.

Start with a three-to-four-foot piece of 10-pound test monofilament or fluorocarbon line.

Tie on a single No. 4 walleye hook to the end of the leader with a clinch knot.

Thread two or three 5 mm beads on the leader and slide them down to the hook. Sometimes anglers thread a small foam float (5/16 wide by 11/16 inches long) on the leader to make the rig more buoyant, so the hook is less likely to snag on the bottom.

Next, slip a stainless steel clevis through the eye of a blade and thread the leader through the small openings on both ends of the clevis. Slide the spinner blade assembly down the line so that it comes to rest against the beads or float.

The final step is to cut the leader to the desired length and tie a loop knot on the free end of the leader. Experiment with color, blade size and style, either Colorado or Indiana, to find out which rig is most effective on a given day.

Attach the rig to the snap at the top of the bottom bouncer. When fishing in rivers in the spring about 1 1/2 to 2 1/2ounces of lead is heavy enough to keep your rig on the bottom in moderate current.

Fishing success is all about presentation. Motor upstream to the dam, then let the boat drift through the area you want to fish. By keeping the weight in contact with the bottom, the baited rig will drift just a few inches off the bottom, the depth needed to entice a bite from bottom-hugging sauger.

Over the next few years, Kentuckians may catch sauger in the Green River downstream of Green River Lake, in the Salt River below Taylorsville Lake and in the middle stretch of the Barren River. The fisheries division of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife stocked 188,000 fingerling sauger in the Green River, 32,000 in the Salt River and 50,000 in the Barren River over the past two years.

"We hope to establish a viable reproducing population of sauger in these rivers," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We hope to have sauger fishing right in downtown Bowling Green."

Remember the current license year expired Feb. 29. If you plan to fish after March 1, you'll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods section of department stores and tackle shops. You may buy one by visiting the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.govor by calling 1-877-598-2401.

THESE local boys, posing in 1957 for this picture, are (from left) Ed Ray, Jerry Boucher, Johnny Ausenbaugh, Brad Purdy and Larry Joe Parker. submitted photo

Golf Scramble Is Scheduled

The Dawson Springs High School baseball team will sponsor a four-person golf scramble March 17.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the golf course at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. The cost is $40 per person.

LBL's 2012 Season Opens Today

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area begins its 2012 operations on Thursday, March 1, by opening several popular visitor attractions.

The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, Golden Pond Planetarium and North & South Welcome Stations open their doors March 1, along with Hillman Ferry and Piney Campgrounds.

The Homeplace, Nature Station and North & South Welcome Stations will be open Wednesday through Sunday during March, and then open seven days a week beginning April 1.

The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open from dawn until dusk every day, year-round. The Golden Pond Visitor Center, Wranglers Campground, Energy Lake Campground, and Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area remain open year-round as well.

The Golden Pond Planetarium, open daily beginning March 1, provides a full dome viewing experience complete with brand new digital multimedia equipment. Visit www.lbl.org or call 270-924-2020 for show schedule.

LBL's spring calendar is full of a variety of programs for visitors of all ages and interests.

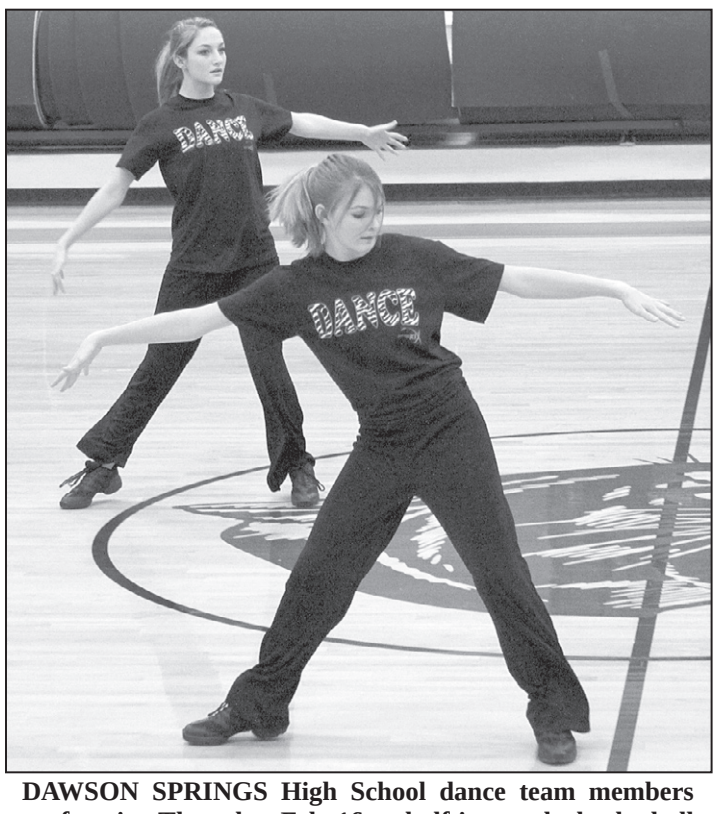
The popular Discount Package, which offers a 25 percent discount on admission to multiple attractions, will be available again this year, as well as the LBL Fun Card, a discount opportunity that primarily benefits area residents and others who frequent LBL.

The LBL Fun Card provides your choice of 10 admissions to The Homeplace, Nature Station, Planetarium or a combination of all three. With no expiration date, the LBL Fun Card is good until all 10 visits have been used.

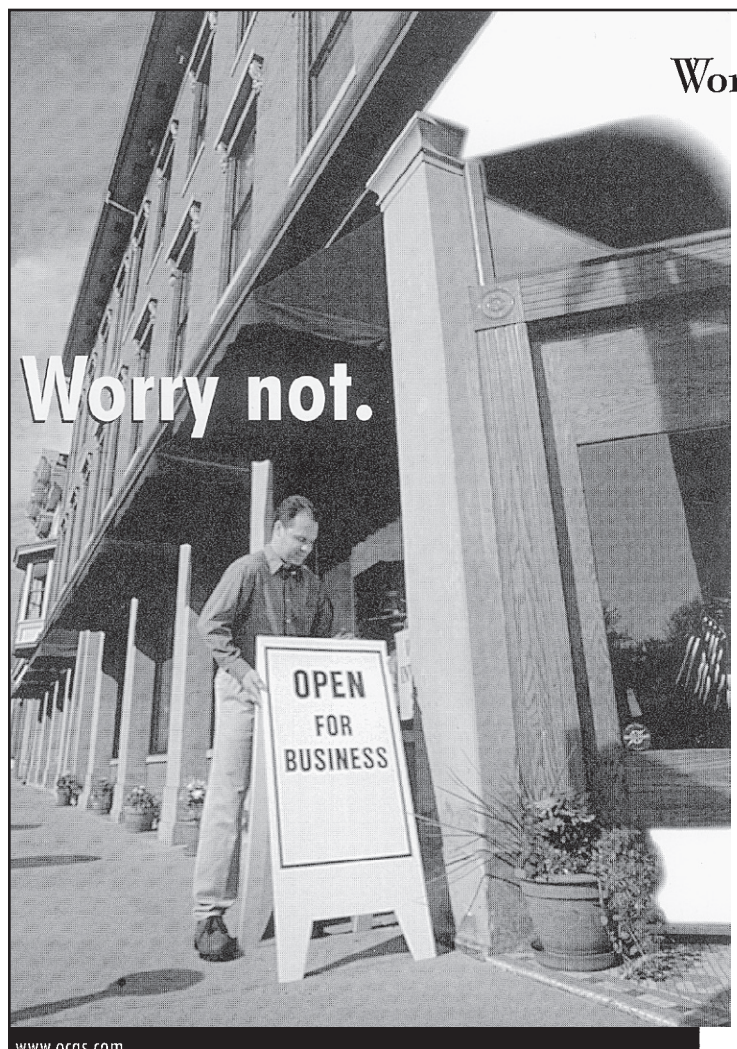
LBL honors the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Access and Senior Passes along with the Golden Age and Access Passports.

In addition to the 50 percent discount offered for the basic campsites, the Passes and Passports will also be honored at The Homeplace, Nature Station, and Golden Pond Planetarium for 50 percent off general admission for the card holder.

Visitors are reminded that due to the partial collapse of the Eggner's Ferry Bridge on Jan. 26, motorists will need to take alternate routes to LBL if traveling from the west on US68/KY80. Visit the LBL Web site at www.lbl.org and click on Alerts & Notices for alternate routes.



DAWSON SPRINGS High School dance team members performing Thursday, Feb. 16, at halftime at the basketball game are (from left) Ashton Coleman and Keyli Burden.



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JUNIOR PRO BASKETBALL ACTION

End-Of-Year Tournament Is Held

By
Tayler Mills

In a first round game of the junior league Jr. Pro tournament Feb. 24, Misty Butler's Blue team played Jason Stuart's Green team. The Blue team defeated the Green team 35-32. Ethan Fain scored 13 points for the Blue team, and Ayden Davis scored 10 points. Ethan Jones had eight, and Brayden Butler scored four. On the Green team Ethan Huddleston scored 30 points, and Jacob Drake scored two.

In the first round of the junior league Jr. Pro tournament played Feb, 25, Brandon Cunningham's Black team beat David Smiley's Purple team 33-16. On the Black team Brennen Cunningham scored 19 points, and Skylar Clark scored 10 points. Angel Mendoza and Matthew Cunningham scored two points each. On the Purple team Talon Moore scored eight points, and Logan McKnight scored four points. Gage Smiley and Dalton Simons both scored two points.

SKYLER CLARK dribbles around Dylan Baker during tournament action Saturday, Feb. 25. Clark scored 22 points in his team's championship game victory.

In the championship of the junior league tournament Brandon Cunningham's Black team beat Misty Butler's Blue team 36-33. On the Black team Skylar Clark scored 22 points, and Brennen Cunningham scored 10 points. Dylan Dawson and Angel Mendoza scored two points. On the Blue team Ethan Fain scored 13 points. Ayden Davis and Ethan Jones both scored 10 points.

In the first round of the senior league Josh Riley's Black team played Donnie Howton's Green team. The Black team won 56-17. On the Black team Isaiah Radford scored 35 points, and Owin Riley scored 10 points. Justin Putman scored five points, and Cole Cunningham scored four points. Caleb Hickerson scored two. On the Green team Ryan Bardin and Skylar Adamson scored six points each. Blake Mitchell scored four points, and Connor Ames scored one.

Also in the first round of the senior league tournament, Bryan Thomas' White team beat Hank Mills' and Amy Elam's Purple team 41-28. On the White team Cameron Orten scored 11 points, and Devan Baker scored 10 points. Edward Sanchez scored six points, and Austin Clark scored five points. Jacob Guill scored four points, and Cole Collins scored three points. Ethan Garrison scored two. On the Purple team Kevin Brooks scored 24 points. Braxton Cotton and Reagan Riggs both scored two points.

AYDEN DAVIS is stopped by Skyler Clark during the championship game of the junior league tournament Saturday, Feb. 25. Davis scored 10 points in his team's losing effort.

In the senior league championship Bryan Thomas' White team beat Josh Riley's Black team 37-29. On the White team Austin Clark scored 23 points, and Jacob Guill scored five. Cameron Orten scored four points, and Edward Sanchez scored three points. Ethan Garrison scored two points. On the Black team Isaiah Radford scored 12 points, and Justin Putman scored eight points. Owin Riley scored five points, and Tyler Weir scored four.

photos clockwise from upper left
THE black and white team, coached by Joe Dawson and Brandon Cunningham won the junior league Jr. Pro tournament Saturday, Feb. 25. Team members are (front, front left) Christian Sowash, Micheal Burgess, Matt Cunningham, (second row) Skyler Clark, Brennen Cunningham, Angel Mendoza and Dylan Dawson.

COLE COLLINS battles with Camron Orten and Austin Towe for the basketball.

THE white and black team coached by Brian Thomas won the Jr. Pro senior league tournament Saturday, Feb. 25. Team members are (front, from left) Devan Baker, Edward Sanchez III, Jacob Guill, (back row) Austin Clark, Cole Collins, Camron Orten and Ethan Garrison.

CAMRON ORTEN watches Owin Riley get the basketball.

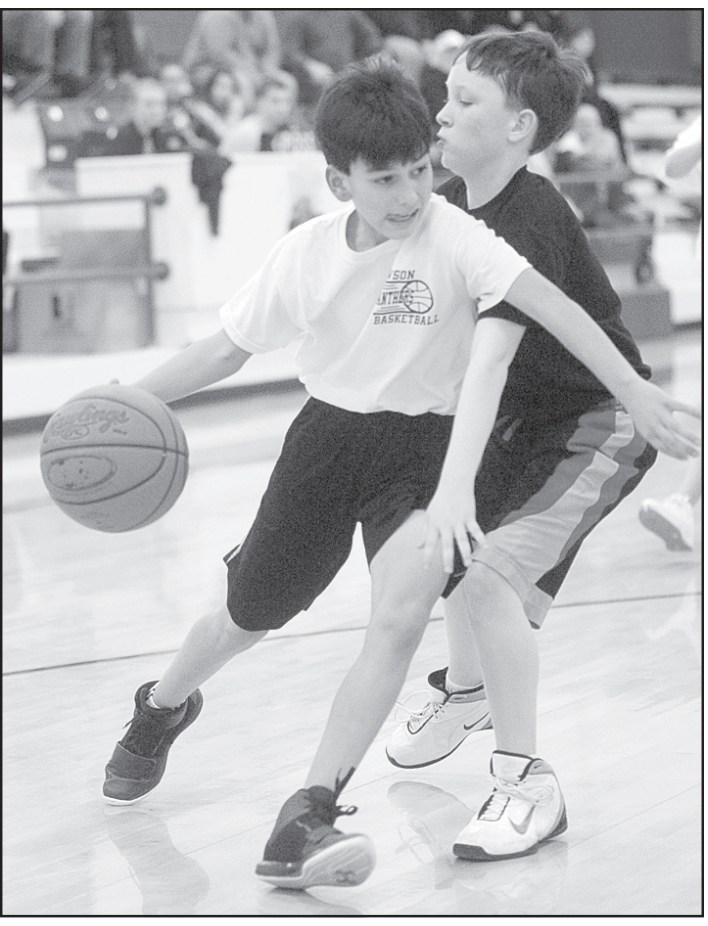
KEVIN BROOKS shoots while Camron Orten and Jacob Guill defend.

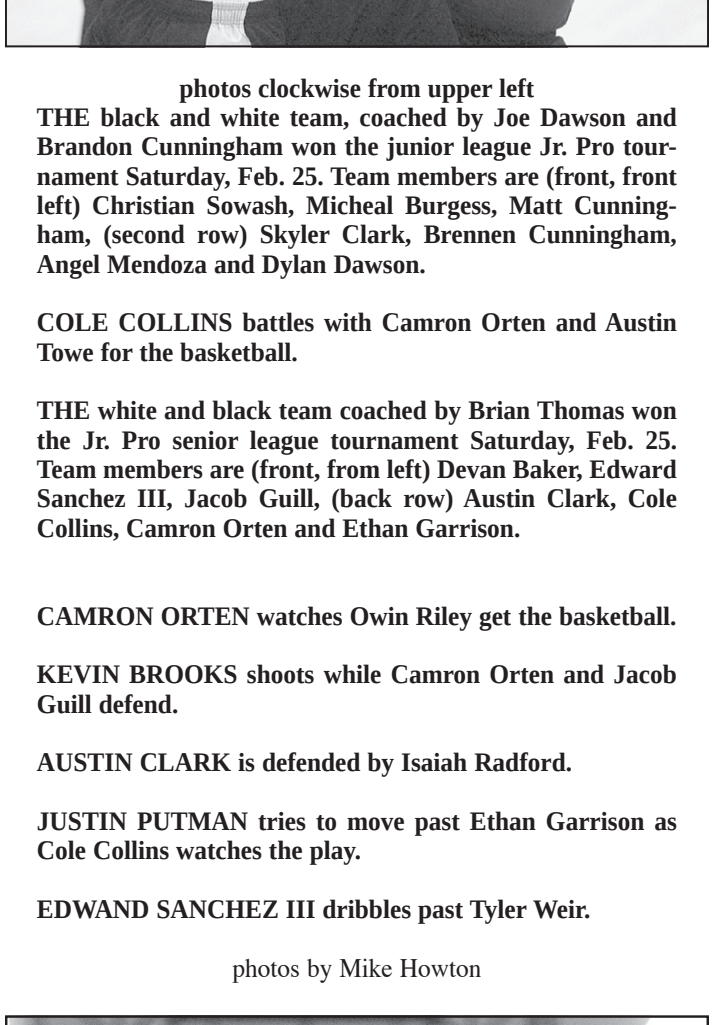
AUSTIN CLARK is defended by Isaiah Radford.

JUSTIN PUTMAN tries to move past Ethan Garrison as Cole Collins watches the play.

EDWAND SANCHEZ III dribbles past Tyler Weir.

photos by Mike Howton





Revival Services Begin At First Baptist Church Sunday

Pastor Randall Rogers invites the public to attend revival services at the First Baptist Church March 4–7 at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

Evangelist Dr. Will Saye, revival speaker and prison evangelist, will be the guest speaker.

On Wednesday, Saye will give his testimony on how God intervened in his life and delivered him from the electric chair to only one year in prison. Today he preaches at youth crusades, revivals and church services, as well as jails and prisons and inner city streets.

Everyone is welcome. For additional information, phone the church office at 797-2091.

New Murray Petition Seeks To Pre-Empt Wet-Dry Vote

Hawkins Teague
Murray Ledger & Times

The group Keep It Out of Murray is circulating a petition in opposition to the latest effort to allow a vote on package alcohol sales, according to group spokesman the Rev. Martin Severns.

The petition is meant to oppose the group known as Grow Murray, which began circulating a petition last month to hold a vote to allow package alcohol sales in the city. Keep It Out of Murray was first formed in 2009 to oppose a similar alcohol petition, which led to both groups dropping their petitions within several weeks.

"We're just in the process of gaining some signatures for (the Keep It Out of Murray) petition simply in response to the Grow Murray charge to solicit signatures," said Severns, who is a pastor at Memorial Baptist Church. "We've just begun to refresh some of the sources that we had back in the last (petition) a couple of years ago."

According to an e-mail that was forwarded to the Murray Ledger & Times, the group is "attempting to have a vote which will pre-empt the vote for bars and package liquor sales, thus ensuring that alcohol sales are not expanded and Murray remains a safe, family-friendly community." The Keep It Out of Murray e-mail said that if the group could get about 700 Murray residents to sign the petition, the Grow Murray petition could not come to a vote.

If the Keep It Out of Murray petition becomes certified, there could then be no other local option election in the city for another three years, according to KRS 242.030. The statute also states that a local option election shall be held "not earlier than 60 days nor later than 90 days after the date that the petition is filed with the county clerk." If the date of the local option election is not stated on the petition, it would be designated by the county judge-executive.

The Keep It Out of Murray e-mail said the petition demands that an election be held to decide if the city keeps the sale of alcoholic beverages as it currently is or eliminates alcohol sales altogether.

"If this petition is successful, there will be a vote to determine whether we should keep alcohol in restaurants with the same rules as we have now," the e-mail said. "If the vote is YES, alcohol sales will remain as they are in Murray. If the vote is NO, then alcohol sales in Murray will cease 60 days after the election is certified."

The e-mail also states that bringing bars and package liquor stores to Murray would be "devastating" and would not "bring the economic prosperity promised by the Grow Murray group."

"The fact is that any tax dollars generated have to be used to offset the additional law enforcement and administrative costs that the city will incur. This is what is currently happening and what would have to happen if Grow Murray were successful," the e-mail said.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, childrens' names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is $3.50 per column inch.

REV. AND MRS. BEN BUTERO

New Pastor Is Welcomed By Gospel Assembly Church

The congregation at the Gospel Assembly Church has welcomed its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Butero.

Former residents of Dawson Springs, the Buteros returned after serving the Gospel Assembly Church in Moline, Ill., for the past three years.

The church, located at 1440 Industrial Park Road, invites everyone to come worship together.

Victory Church Is Hosting A Ladies Spring Conference

Victory Church, at 615 Brown Road in Madisonville, will hold Grace and Truth, a ladies spring conference, March 9 and 10.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on Fri. Dessert will be served during registration, and services will begin at 7 p.m. The same schedule will be followed on Saturday night.

Saturday morning registration begins at 8 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast. Services begin at 9 a.m.

Guest speakers will be Sandy Newman and DeeAnn Ward of Kansas City, Mo.

Preregistration may also be done online at www.victorychurchky.com or by phoning 821-7777. Registration fees are $10 before March 1 and $15 after that date.

Postal Service Will Close 8 Kentucky Processing Centers

From the
Kentucky Press News Service

Eight postal service mail processing centers around Kentucky will be closed. In a press release Thursday, the postal service said processing centers in Somerset, Paducah, London, Hazard, Elizabethtown, Bowling Green, Campton and Lexington will close beginning in mid-May. Mail will now be processed at other facilities.

The U.S. Postal service has been fighting massive losses in the billions and looking to close facilities across the nation to stay profitable.

Meanwhile, the American Postal Workers Union is encouraging its members to voice their opposition to the postal service's decision.

"The union is continuing to oppose USPS plans to slash service, eliminate 35,000 jobs, and destroy the mail distribution network," according to a statement on the union's website.

Emmy-Winning Journalist To Speak At Campbellsville

David Brody, chief political correspondent for CBN News, will be speaking at Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy's (KHIPP) event Tuesday, March 20, and also at chapel the next morning.

Brody, who is an Emmy-winning veteran news journalist, will speak at KHIPP at 5 p.m. March 20 in the Banquet Hall of the Badgett Academic Support Center at 110 University Drive, Campbellsville, and at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, in Ransdell Chapel, located at 401 N. Hoskins Ave., Campbellsville.

Both events are free and open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Brody will speak on "Presidential Politics 2012: The Latest News" at the KHIPP event.

"David Brody brings tremendous knowledge and expertise to our KHIPP forum as we discuss the current presidential election cycle in 2012," John Chowning, founder of KHIPP, said.

"He has interviewed all or most of the major political leaders on the American political scene and is well informed on the political process, issues and individuals involved at the highest level of American politics."

Chowning, who is vice president for church and external relations at CU as well as serving as executive assistant to the president, said Brody "brings a Christian perspective to the practice of his award-winning journalist and broadcast skills."

Chowning said Brody, in his chapel address, "will be challenging all of us – students, faculty, staff and the public – to integrate our Christian faith into every facet of our lives. This is a message we all must heed."

Brody has covered many of the major stories of the past decade or two.

He has made several appearances on CNN, Fox News, NPR and MSNBC. He travels around America interviewing national newsmakers including the Republican candidates running for United States president in 2012.

He has interviewed many prominent national figures during his career of nearly 25 years. Some of the people he has conducted one-on-one interviews with include: Barack Obama, Sarah Palin, Hillary Clinton, John McCain, Tim Kaine, Michael Steele, Harry Reid, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney.

Brody's political blog, The Brody File, has been featured in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post. He also offers weekly political analysis for CNN and has appeared frequently as a roundtable panelist on NBC's Meet The Press.

Throughout the years, Brody has covered numerous important news events, including the 2008 Presidential debate, the Virginia Tech massacre, the 2006 midterm elections, hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the 2004 Democratic and Republican National Conventions, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 1996 Olympics.

He has traveled to Kaktovik, Alaska, to cover the story of oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He has also been to Mexico and Yuma, Ariz., where he rode along with U.S. Border Patrol to detail the nation's immigration crisis.

He also won an Emmy for producing the top newscast in Colorado Springs in 1989. He joined CBN News in 2003.

Viewers can watch the chapel presentation live on WLCU (Comcast Cable channel 10) and listen on WLCU Radio 88.7 FM as well as a live stream on the Internet. Go to www.campbellsville.edu, click on the WLCU tabs, and follow the prompts to live video streaming.

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Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
Roger Felker, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CASTLEBERRY GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Dwight Brown, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
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Bro. Donnie Howton, Pastor
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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Sun. Evening Evangelistic, 6 p.m.
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Olney Road
Bro. David Frisby, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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KY 398
Bro. Johnny Gibson, Pastor
Worship Service, Sunday, 2 p.m.
Thursday, 6 p.m.

DAYSPRING ASSEMBLY OF GOD
55 E. Lee Wilson Stevens Dr.
Rev. Kathy S. Redden, Sr. Pastor
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Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

DUNN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Bro. Ricky Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MIDWAY VALLEY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Walnut Street
Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor
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Monday Night, 7 p.m.
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Victory Service, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Highway 109 North
Dr. Calvin Bryant, Pastor
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
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Bro. Rick Lutz, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 70, near Dalton
Bro. Tom McKim, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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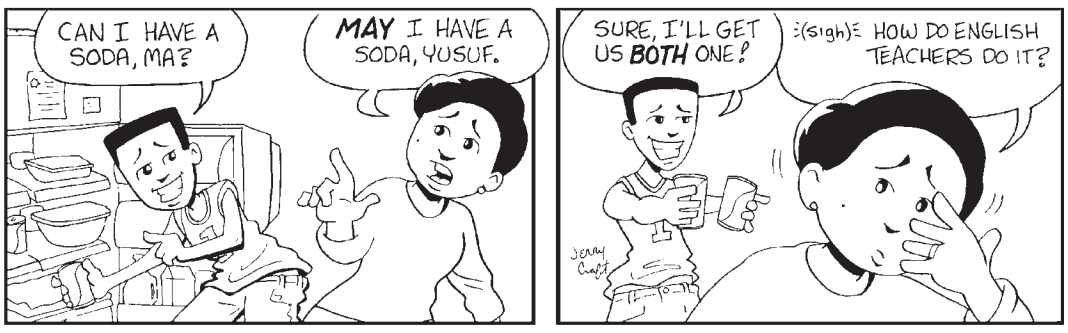

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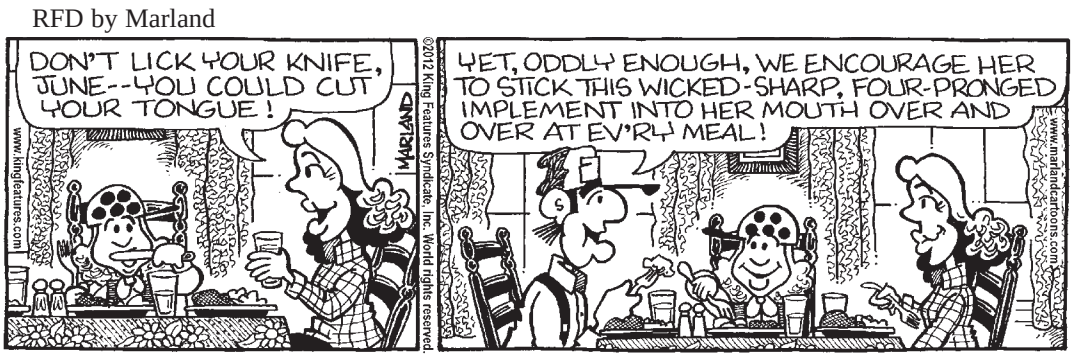
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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SUPER CROSSWORD

CROSS
1 Hirt hit
5 Kudrow or Hartman
9 Lucas character
13 Gullible one
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20 Imported cheese
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22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN!
25 Author Le Guin
26 Prepare to propose
27 Valueless
28 Hum bug?
30 ABA member
31 Fix a fight
33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE!
39 More meager
44 "Graf —"
45 Navigation hazard
46 Film, for short
47 Castilian custard
49 Commoner
51 Arm bones
55 CARNEY IN NEW FILM!
59 Vaudeville staple
62 Disdain
63 Unduly
64 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
65 JFK Library architect
66 Beethoven symphony
69 Velvety plant
72 Pro-gun grp.
73 Little helper?
74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!
78 Ever's partner
81 Slugger's stat
82 Attempt
83 Sulky
86 Moon crawler
87 "— a Song Go . . ."
88 TV s "The — Patrol"
90 Prelim
92 Plumbing tool
95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR!
98 Ho hi
99 — Kong
101 Roof part
102 "Holy cow!"
103 "Casablanca" character
106 Crucifix
108 Agitated
111 HAGMAN PLANS NUPTIALS!
115 Piggy
116 Khan opener?
117 Castilian cry
118 Head set?
122 Croc's kin
126 Mideastern mall?
129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE!
134 In public
135 Row
136 General Bradley
137 Final
138 Alarm button
139 Raucous noise
140 — Hari
141 Actress Merrill

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2 Economist Greenspan
3 Ming thing
4 Behind a windjammer
5 Fall behind
6 OPEC member
7 "Elephant Boy" star
8 Cain's victim
9 "Of course!"
10 Harem room
11 Apply gently
12 Petite parasite
13 Mongrel
14 Owns
15 Nothing special
16 Mediterranean island
17 Brooklyn school
21 Suppress
23 Skirt feature
24 Skiers' mecca
29 Wee one
32 Present
34 Datebook abbr.
35 — Aviv
36 Charges
37 "The March King"
38 Fedora fabric
39 Mineral springs
40 She brought out the beast in men
41 Part owner?
42 Urban transport
43 Absorbed
48 Ruth's mother-in-law
50 Mont —
52 Puppy bites
53 Fighter pilots
54 "SNL" bit
56 Haunted-house sound
57 Oklahoma city
58 Alex Haley book
60 Pianist Chasins
61 Bandleader Perez
67 Bergonzi or Ponti
68 "Waves of grain" color
70 Fast flier
71 Bright
73 Between three
75 Bum a ride
76 Humble
77 Soprano's showcase
78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
79 Comic Carter
80 Melville novel
84 Play ground?
85 Great Lake natives
87 Po land
89 It'll give you a lift
91 Change for a five
93 Helicopter sound
94 Circle dance
95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
96 First offender
97 Jay's house
100 Negative correlative
104 It may be tall
105 Internet acronym
107 Colors
109 Demetrius' duds
110 Inclined
111 Sweat and slave
112 Dumbstruck
113 Brings down the house
114 Thought-provoking
119 Particle
120 Maffia or Downey
121 Petty clash?
123 Prepare to fly
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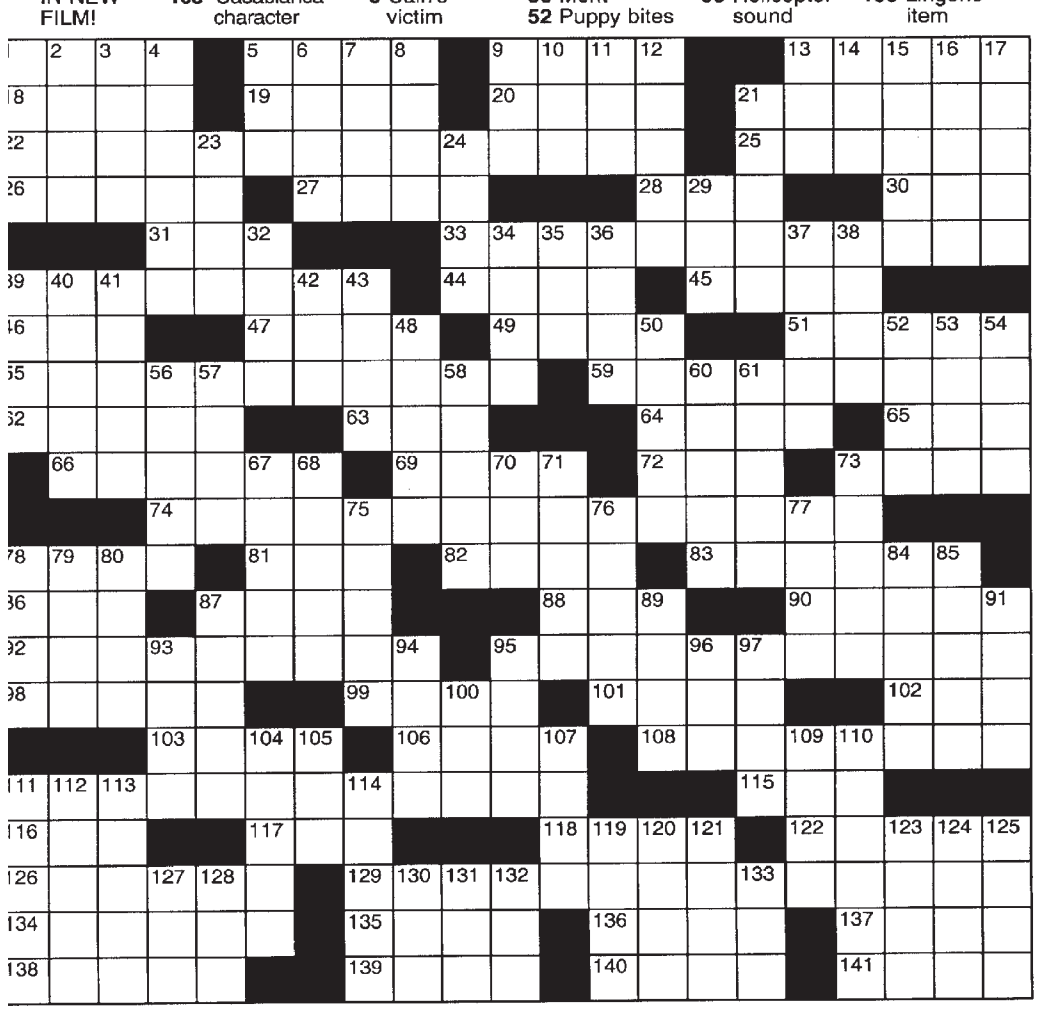

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SOAP BUBBLES

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Hope was disappointed when Rick wasn't able to trick Steffy into signing the annulment papers. One thing Rick didn't count on was the spark that he and Steffy felt when they kissed. Stephanie pointed out to Brooke how similar they were when it came to mothering. For Katie's sake, Bill reluctantly agreed to go on a double date with Ridge and Brooke. Steffy felt confident that Liam still had feelings for her after hearing how he threatened Rick. Hope struggled with whether to give herself to Liam sooner rather than later. Bill asked Liam to wear the family's symbol around his neck again. Wait to See: Jackie and Owen share a passionate reunion. Hope receives some unexpected advice from Katie.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Brady confronted Madison about her secret marriage. Meanwhile, Lexie considered ending her own marriage after learning of Abe's shady deeds. Sami refused to let go of the past. Austin and Carrie came up with a way to save their marriage. Kate learned the truth about Ian and Madison. Marlena exposed Sami's lie. Ian presented Victor with a business plan. Abigail devised a scheme to make Austin jealous. Months

Dominic Zamprogna is "Dante" on "General Hospital"

of tensions finally came to a head in Salem as Will acted on his feelings, Rafe learned of Sami's ultimate betrayal, EJ proposed to Nicole and John traveled with Hope to Alamainia on what was surely a trap set up by Stefano. Wait to See: Lucas tells Sami how he really feels about her. Nicole keeps her pregnancy secret from EJ.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Michael found young Molly passed out drunk. Someone tried to shoot Dante. Jason asked Spinelli to get to the bottom of Franco's latest message. Olivia was suspicious of Kate's nervousness. Carly and Johnny got reacquainted, only to be interrupted by Shawn at the door. Sonny confronted Anthony at the Quartermaine mansion. Ewen found Kate just as Helena Cassadine emerged from the shadows holding a dagger. Shawn admitted his true feelings to Carly, making her even more conflicted about Johnny. Anna tried to reason with Patrick over Robin's situation. Wait to See: Starr Manning arrives in Port Charles. Sam keeps a secret from Jason.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Paul informed Billy that Chelsea and her mother were grifters. Jack asked Sarge, a hard-driving physical therapist, if he would be in charge of his rehabilitation. Daisy was able to produce evidence that she was coerced into kidnapping Lauren. Anita admitted to Billy that Victor was the one who brought her and Chelsea to Genoa City. Lauren was beside herself when the judge reduced Daisy's sentence to time served. Adam fought through his visual impairment to put out a fire in the barn. Phyllis pleaded with her father, George, to atone for his bad deeds before he died. Victor told Nikki that he did not regret hiring Chelsea to set up Billy. Wait to See: Victoria receives a job offer. Patty has Adam between a rock and a hard place.

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Blood Pressure: Both Numbers Are Important

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've always heard that at older ages, it doesn't matter how high the first number of a blood pressure reading is; it's bound to rise with age. My blood pressure is 185/70, and my doctor wants me to go on blood pressure medicine. My second number is fine. Why is he making a fuss? I am 67. I don't like taking drugs. -- W.S.

ANSWER: You have heard wrong. Both numbers of a blood pressure reading are significant. If either is higher than normal, it indicates high blood pressure. It is true that systolic pressure, the first number, rises with age. And it is true that the second number, diastolic pressure, tends to plateau after age 50. However, a higher-than-normal systolic or diastolic pressure constitutes hypertension, high blood pressure.

The first number is the pressure imparted to blood when the heart pumps it into the aorta. It takes a great deal of pressure to circulate blood through all the body arteries. The second number is the pressure in the heart as it fills with blood. Normal pressure is less than 120/80. High blood pressure is 140/90 and above. Numbers between those two pressures are called prehypertension, a short stop lower than actual high blood pressure.

You have high blood pressure, hypertension. You doctor made a fuss because uncontrolled high blood pressure causes artery hardening, leads to strokes and heart attacks, puts the kidneys out of action, contributes to congestive heart failure and promotes dementia. Still think your pressure is OK?

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What happened to DMSO? It used to be available, but it has disappeared. Why? -- W.K.

ANSWER: DMSO -- dimethyl sulfoxide -- was very popular as a treatment for arthritic joints. It is rubbed on the skin over the aching joint. The Food and Drug Administration never approved it for that use, and that may be why it lost its appeal.

There is a dedicated doctor and a dedicated group of DMSO fans who feel the same as you. They're trying to get the FDA to re-evaluate its stance on this substance.

DMSO is approved for the treatment of interstitial cystitis, a painful bladder condition. The material is instilled into the bladder.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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TRIVIA TEST

1. MEASUREMENTS: How often would a tricennial celebration occur?

2. MOVIES: What movie is considered to be the first feature-length talking picture ever made?

3. HISTORY: In 1973, who became the second special prosecutor in the Watergate scandal?

4. MYTHOLOGY: What area of influence is the Norse god Bragi associated with?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What country once had emperors called "kaisers"?

6. MUSIC: In musical terms, what is an opus?

7. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Odd Couple"?

8. GEOGRAPHY: What river runs through Baghdad?

9. GAMES: How often is soccer's World Cup held?

10. POETRY: What poet wrote the lines, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I ... /I took the one less traveled by"?

Answers
1. Every 30 years
2. "The Jazz Singer"
3. Leon Jaworski
4. God of poetry
5. Germany
6. A composition
7. Neil Simon
8. The Tigris
9. Every four years
10. Robert Frost

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CONTRACT BRIDGE
by Steve Becker

The Clues Point The Way

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5
♥ 6 3 2
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ 10 7 3

WEST
♠ A J
♥ J 7 5
♦ K J 10
♣ Q J 9 8 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 8
♥ K
♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ K 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K 4 3 2
♥ A Q 10 9 8 4
♦ 9
♣ A 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Dble	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Dble

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The secret of good declarer play lies mostly in visualizing how the unseen cards are divided and putting this knowledge to effective use. The clues that furnish declarer with a picture of the opposing hands can come from the bidding, the play or both.

Consider this deal where declarer failed to process the many clues available. It was played in the South Africa-Ireland match at the 1960 World Team Olympiad.

The South African declarer got to four hearts doubled as shown, and West led the club queen. South won with the ace, cashed the ace of trumps, felling East's king, then led a diamond and successfully finessed the queen.

After discarding a club on the ace of diamonds, declarer led a spade to the king, losing to the ace. South eventually lost two more spades and a trump trick and finished down one, -200 points. He was able to ruff his fourth spade in dummy to prevent an even greater loss.

South's early plays were certainly correct. The diamond finesse, though dangerous, was necessary, but after it succeeded South should have reassessed his prospects and made the contract.

It was a serious mistake to lead a spade to the king at trick five. To play a spade from dummy was surely right, but to play the king was surely wrong. South should have placed West with the spade ace for his takeout double, because East had already turned up with the king of hearts and (by inference from West's opening lead) king of clubs.

Had South played a low spade on East's eight at trick five and later played a low spade again, he would have gained a spade trick and made the contract. He also would have been 990 points to the better.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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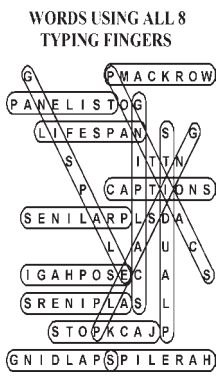

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

2	5	6	9	7	4	3	8	1
8	9	1	5	3	6	4	2	7
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1	7	3	6	9	2	5	4	8
9	4	8	7	5	3	6	1	2
6	2	5	8	4	1	7	9	3
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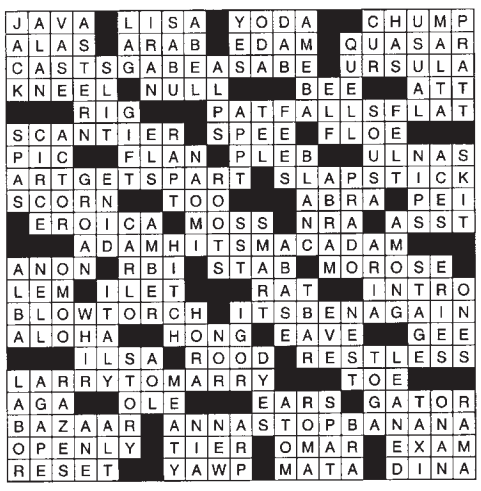

HOROSCOPES
SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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JIM AND ANNIE CUNNINGHAM
Will celebrate this Saturday

Jim And Annie Cunningham Will Celebrate Anniversary

Jim and Annie Cunningham will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Family and friends will host a celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. at Silent Run Baptist Church.

The couple requests no gifts

School Councils Seeking Nominations For Parents

The Dawson Springs Elementary and Junior-Senior High schools are still seeking nominations for parent representatives to the School-Based Decision Making Councils.

One representative will be elected by parents of kindergarten through sixth grade students, and two will be elected for grades 7–12. The terms will run from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

The Kentucky Association of School Councils guidelines stipulate that "qualified candidates must be a parent, step parent, foster parent or another person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides. The student must be preregistered to attend the school during the term for which the candidate will serve." Parents must also meet these qualifications to nominate candidates.

Parents not allowed to serve on school councils include those who work at the school or the district administrative office, plus the mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband, wife, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of a school or district employee. Local school board members and their spouses are also not allowed to serve.

Written nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. March 16 at the appropriate school office. Submissions must be signed and may include background information or prior council experience of the nominee.

Final nominees will be announced in March. Both the K–6 and 7–12 elections are scheduled to be held in the high school lobby at 5:30 p.m. prior to the March 26 PTO meeting.

For more information on the local elections, phone Karla Mitchell at 797-4116. For information on school councils and their roles and responsibilities in the schools, visit the KASC Web site at www.kasc.net.

March 'Yard Of The Month' Nominations Being Saught

Nominations for Yard of the Month are now being accepted at the Dawson Springs Branch Library. The Yard of the Month is sponsored by the Pennyrile Garden Club.

February Meeting Is Held By Pennyrile Garden Club

The Pennyrile Garden Club met Feb. 21 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Susan Menser served as hostess.

President Imogene Davis called the meeting to order, and JoAnn Edwards read the club collect. Roll call was answered with members naming their favorite poem or poet. Sharon Budd presented the minutes from the November meeting, and Peggy Furgerson gave the financial report.

Davis reported the club had received a letter of thanks and a donation from the Friends of Pennyrile for their assistance in decorating the Pennyrile lodge for the Christmas season.

During discussion of old business, members made plans to begin the 2012 Yard of the Month project this month. Preliminary plans for planting the urn in Veterans Memorial Park were also discussed.

Edwards provided the major lesson on hydrangeas. Eloise Morris presented the minor lesson on hummingbirds.

Following dessert, the members played bingo. Those in attendance were Charlotte Cooley, Jeannie Knapp, Hazel McChesney, Budd, Davis, Edwards, Furgerson, Menser and Morris.

The next meeting will be March 20 with Cooley as hostess.

ELEMENTARY academic team members who placed in the District Governor's Cup competition held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Dawson Springs Elementary School are (front, from left) Daniel Garrett, fifth in composition; Ethan Stuart, fifth in science; (back) Carly Alexander, hird in arts and humanities; and Riley Howton, fifth in language arts.

photo by Mike Howton

Local Students Honored At Kentucky Wesleyan

Two local residents made academic achievement lists for the fall 2011 semester at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Justin Jones, a senior criminal justice major, was named to the President's List for attaining a 4.0 grade point average. He is the son of Eric Jones and Kelly Oldham.

Joseph Chappell, a senior business administration major, was named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying at least 12 hours. Chappell is the son of Larry and Yvonne Chappell.

NAMI Will Meet

NAMI, a support group for family and friends of people with mental illness, will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 163 N. Main St., Madisonville.

For information, phone Mary Poole at 824-8673.

ROMANE AND BARBARA MILLER
Enjoy 50 years of marriage

Romane And Barbara Miller Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Romane and Barbara Peyton Miller of Madisonville, formerly of Dawson Springs, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23.

They were married Dec. 23, 1961, at the office of then Hopkins County Judge Joel G. Hurley. Their attendants were JoAnn Robards Vanover, Doug Peyton and Ronnie Dillingham.

The Millers are the parents of a daughter Naomi Coble. They have two grandchildren, Andrew and Ashlee Coble.

Scholarships Are Available For Child Care Providers

Kentucky's child care providers may be eligible for the Early Childhood Development Scholarship to further their college education.

The scholarships are available to those who work at least 20 hours per week or provide training in early childhood development at least 12 times per year for an approved organization. Kentuckians employed as preschool associate teachers in state-funded preschool programs are also eligible.

Recipients must be working toward an associate or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or other approved credential. Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship will pay up to $1,800 for tuition each year. Students may not take more than nine hours of classes per semester.

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and an Early Childhood Development Scholarship application. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.kheaa.com. To complete the scholarship application, students must register for a Zip Access account. After registering, sign in to Zip Access, choose Account Access, then select Apply Online.

DAWSON SPRINGS High School band members who attended Quad State Honor Band at Murray State University February 23-25, are (from left) Amber Yeisley, Kate Adams, Melody Cotton, Nikki Castle and Jacob Skimehorn. These students, selected by Murray State faculty members, rehearsed, went to master classes and played in concert Feb. 25.

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DAWSON SPRINGS High School students who passed both the written and skills part of the state Medicaid nurse aide test and are now on the Kentucky nurse aide registry are (front, from left) Ashley Hart, Casey Lussier, Jacob Skimehorn, Kimberly Hale, Kristen Austin; (back) Bryana Thomas and Katya Barton. This is a career ready certification since it is a state test and industry certificate.

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